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MINAKAMI AOI
YAMATO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND. CONTINUOUSLY THINKS ABOUT YAMATO
DANJOU YAMATO
BORN IN NAMI ISLAND. CURRENTLY A STUDENT AT AZABU HIGH IN TOKYO. WON THE TOKAI REGION ROOKIE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS. SON OF A TEMPLE MONK

## PREVIOUSLY...

FOR YAMATO AND MAKI, WHILE THEY HARBOURED FEELINGS FOR ONE ANOTHER, THEIR RELATIONSHIP COULD PROGRESS NO FURTHUER THAN BEING FRIENDS. AS A TRAGIC ACCIDENT THAT CLAIMED THE LIFE OF THEIR CHILDHOOD FRIEND MUTSUKI WEIGHED HEAVILY ON THEIR MINDS.

IN MAKI'S MIND, YAMATO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEAVING MUTSUKI TO DIE IN THE FIRE. HAVING HEARD YAMATO'S CONFESSION FIRSTHAND WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN. BUT DOUBTS STARTED TO PLAGUE HER MIND, AS SHE REALIZED - CONTRARY TO HER PRIOR BELIEF - THAT SHE WAS OBLIVIOUS TO CERTAIN EVENTS THAT UNFOLDED WHILE SHE PASSED OUT. WHO WAS IT THAT SAVED HER? HOW DID SHE ESCAPE FROM THE BURNING MANSION? MEANWHILE, YAMATO RECALLED THE TRUTH OF THIS MYSTERY, YET VOWS TO KEEP IT A SECRET FROM MAKI AT ALL COST.

AND SO, WHILE YAMATO KEPT THE TRUTH FROM MAKI, THE TWO GO ON A TRIP WITH THEIR CLASSMATES. DURING WHICH, THEY ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLE UPON A MANSION EXACTLY LIKE THE ONE FROM THE ACCIDENT THAT CLAIMED MUTSUKI'S LIFE, IN WHICH A FIRE STARTED JUST AS BEFORE! BELIEVING THAT IT WAS THE WORK OF MUTSUKI'S VENGEFUL SPIRIT, MAKI THREATENED YAMATO TO DISCLOSE THE TRUTH OF THE EVENT, REFUSING TO LEAVE THE BURNING MANSION OTHERWISE. WHILE YAMATO VOWED TO KEEP THE TRUTH A SECRET DUE TO A PROMISE WITH MUTSUKI, YAMATO FINALLY AGREES TO TELL MAKI THE TRUTH AFTER SEEING HOW SERIOUS SHE WAS.

BACK THEN, THE ONE WHO CARRIED MAKI OUT OF THE MANSION WAS YAMATO!! ON THE OTHER HAND, MUTSUKI, WHO WAS ORIGINALLY WITH HER, ABANDONED HER WHEN SHE PASSED OUT TO SAVE HIMSELF, CHANGED HIS MIND OUT OF GUILT, AND WAS CAUGHT UNDER A FALLING CEILING BEFORE MAKING IT BACK TO MAKI! TRAPPED UNDER THE RUBBLE, MUTSUKI IS FOUND BY YAMATO, YET WHEN YAMATO TRIES TO SAVE MUTSUKI, MUTSUKI BEGS YAMATO IN TEARS TO LEAVE HIM AND SAVE MAKI INSTEAD, STATING THAT HE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO LIVE IT DOWN IF MAKI DIES BECAUSE HE LEFT HER BEHIND. AND THUS, YAMATO MANAGES TO ESCAPE UNHARMED WITH MAKI, LEAVING MUTSUKI TRAPPED UNDER THE RUBBLE TO DIE IN THE FIRE.

DAYS AFTER HEARING THE TRUTH FROM YAMATO, YAMATO AND MAKI BOTH DECIDE SEPARATELY TO VISIT MUTSUKI'S GRAVE. AND END UP MEETING ONE ANOTHER BY CHANCE AT THE CEMETERY. WITHOUT ANY PLANS OR PROMISES, THE THREE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS REUNITE ON NAMI ISLAND... AND AFTER EXPERIENCING SUCH AN EVENTS, THE TWO OF THEM RETURN TO TOKYO, WITH MAKI TELLING YAMATO TO MEET HER IN SHIBUYA TOMORROW. AS YAMATO MAKES HIS WAY TO THEIR MEETING SPOT, HE REALIZES THAT THIS WAS THE VERY SPOT WHERE THEY WERE REUNITED IN TOKYO!! AND EVEN MORE SURPRISINGLY, MAKI ARRIVES WITH HER HAIR CUT, AND PROPOSES THAT THEY START DATING AS A COUPLE!! AFTER THE GRAVE VISIT YESTERDAY, MAKI CAME TO THE NEW RESOLUTION THAT AS LONG AS THEY DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT MUTSUKI, HE WOULD CONTINUE LIVING ON IN THEIR HEARTS, AND THAT THE TWO OF THEM SHOULD LIVE ON WITHOUT RESTRAINT! AND SO, HAVING FINALLY BECOME LOVERS, WHAT WILL LIFE BE LIKE FOR YAMATO AND MAKI FROM HOW ON!?

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THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE BLOOMING!
WALKING UNDER THESE, IT FINALLY FEELS LIKE A NEW SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN!
YEAH.

AND SO WE'RE FINALLY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!
NO KIDDING! TIME SURE FLIES, DOESN'T IT?

HUH? WHAT HAS?
SINCE WE STARTED GOING OUT!

AND IT'S ALREADY BEEN FOUR MONTHS NOW!

OH? HAS IT BEEN THAT LONG ALREADY?
YEAH!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOUR HAIR'S GOTTEN PRETTY LONG AGAIN!
ARE YOU GOING TO LET IT GROW LONGER?
HMM.. SHOULD I?
WHAT DO YOU PREFER? LONG OR SHORT?
HUH?
doki
I.. I THINK THEY'RE BOTH NICE...
COME ON! MAKE UP YOUR MIND!

WAIT UP!
あはは
AH! YOU CHANGED THE TOPIC!
COME ON! WE'LL BE LATE IF WE DON'T HURRY!
ワイ
ワイ
HOW COME I'M IN CLASS D!?
YEAH!
YES! WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS!
OH RIGHT!
HUH? WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ?
WAS THERE SOMETHING ELSE BESIDES THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY?

ドーン
YAMA-TO!
SAME CLASS AGAIN, PAL!
WA!
THEY'RE ASSIGNING CLASSES TODAY!
ワイ
ワイ
3年A組
YO, TAMA-NAMI!
WE'RE IN CLASS B.
ME TOO!
YOU TOO!?
BUT...
tear...
HUH?
SUZUYA-SAN'S IN A DIFFERENT CLASS THAN US...
waaaa
I'LL COME VISIT DURING THE BREAKS MYO!
.....
HOW ABOUT MOGAMI?

I'M IN CLASS A.
GUESS WE'VE BEEN SEPAR-ATED...
LONELY WITHOUT ME?
HUH? NO WAY?
I'M IN B.
HARUNA, YOU?
OH? SO YOU'LL BE WITH YAMATO AND THE GANG?
AH! YOU'RE STUT-TERING!
O- OF COURSE NOT!
NO, I'M NOT!
YEP!
SO WE'LL BE IN THE SAME CLASS MYO ♬
SO YOU'LL HAVE SUZUYA?

3-A
LATER THEN!
YEAH, SEE YOU!
MYO!
3-A
THIS WILL BE YOUR FINAL YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND WHILE YOU'VE BEEN PLACED INTO THIS CLASS BY CHANCE...
I NEVER IMAGINED THAT I WOULD BE SEPARATED FROM MOGAMI LIKE THIS.
YES?
AH! IT'S NOTHING!
?

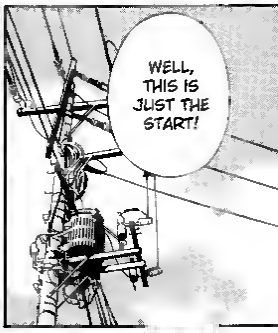
I HAD ALWAYS TAKEN IT FOR GRANTED THAT MOGAMI WOULD BE SEATED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
BUT I GUESS THAT'S BEEN CHANGED FROM NOW ON.
PLEASE RISE!
BOW!
3-B
DISMISSED!
AH, NOW I'M REALLY FEELING LIKE I'M IN A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!
THAT WAS LONG! WE'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY CLASS LEFT THIS LATE!
LET'S GO HOME THEN!
IT'S REALLY LATE!
SIGH

MOGAMI!
YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME!?
YOUR CLASS SURE TOOK ITS TIME!
CUT THAT OUT ALREADY!
WHAT'S WITH THE HAPPY FACE? WERE YOU REALLY THAT LONELY WITHOUT ME?
SO, HOW'S THE NEW CLASS?
UMM... LEMME SEE..

EVERY-
THING
FEELS
SORT OF
AWKWARD
RIGHT
NOW...
AH!
YOU
TOO?

I'LL
ADMIT IT
FEELS
A BIT
ODD...
...MISSING
A FEW
OF THE
FAMILIAR
FACES.

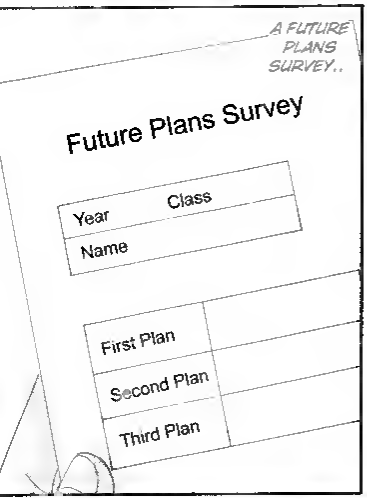
SURE,
I'VE GOT
TO GET
SOMETHING
TOO.
OH, CAN
WE GO TO
THE BOOK-
STORE?
CHICKEN
MONTHLY
DIGEST,
RIGHT?


WELL,
THIS IS
JUST THE
START!

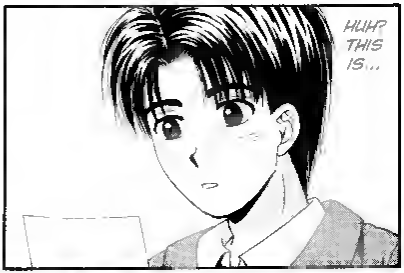
BESIDES THE
FACT THAT
WE'RE IN
DIFFERENT
CLASSES,
IT SEEMS
THAT EVER-
THING'S ST
THE SAM
BETWEEN
US.
I'VE
PRETTY
MUCH
MASTERED
HOW YOU
THINK.

HOW
DID YOU
KNOW?

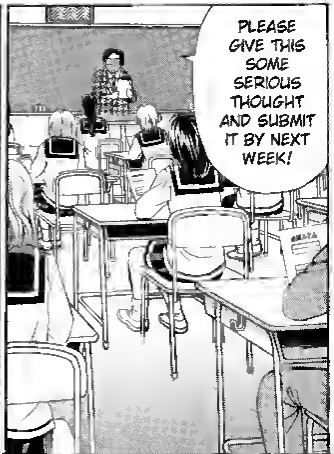
PLEASE PASS THESE HANDOUTS TOWARD THE BACK!


A FUTURE PLANS SURVEY..
Future Plans Survey
Year Class
Name
First Plan
Second Plan
Third Plan

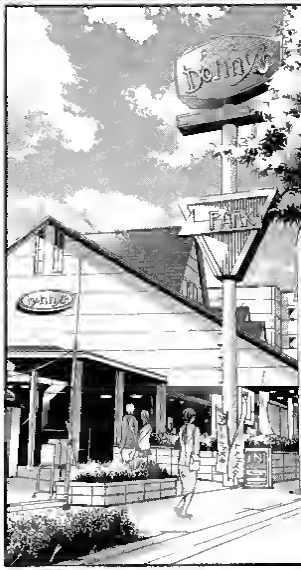
WHAT'S THIS?

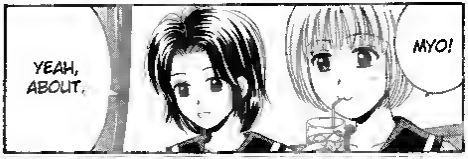

HUH? THIS IS...

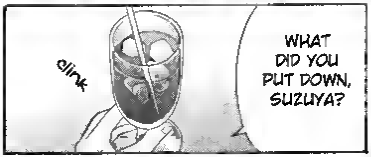
THIS DOESN'T FEEL REAL AT ALL...
WOW... WE'RE ALREADY AT THIS STAGE IN OUR LIVES?


PLEASE GIVE THIS SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT AND SUBMIT IT BY NEXT WEEK!

HUH!?
YOU'VE ALL ALREADY DECIDED WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING!?


PARK


MYO!
YEAH, ABOUT,


WHAT DID YOU PUT DOWN, SUZUYA?
GULP

I'VE ALREADY FINISHED MY SURVEY!
NO WAY!

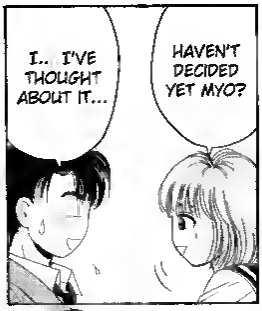
THAT I WANTED TO GO TO NURSING SCHOOL!

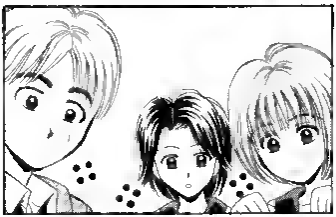
A NURSE!?
IT'S TIME FOR YOUR SHOT!
you're kidding.
I THINK SHE WAS BORN TO BE A NURSE!
KOUME'S ALWAYS SO CHEERFUL AND GET ALONG WITH ANYONE!
ARE YOU SURE? YOU WON'T GET THE MEDICATION MIXED UP, RIGHT?
DON'T BE THAT SHOCKED!
REALLY!? I'LL DO MY BEST TO CHEER EVERYONE UP!
EXCUSE ME, MYO!?
YEAH... I GUESS THERE'RE NOTHING FOR ME BUT THAT ...
HUH, ME?
TAKING OVER THE FAMILY BUSINESS AS EXPECTED?
JOKING ASIDE, WHAT'LL YOU BE DOING? TAMANAMI?

Y-YES!
SIR! STAMP HERE!
HMM...
slurp
ALTHOUGH THE REAL PROBLEM IS WHETHER I'LL EVEN BE ACCEPTED INTO UNIVERSITY FIRST...
SO I'M AIMING TO GET INTO BUSINESS SCHOOL IN ORDER TO DO THAT...
ME?
HMM, WELL...
WHAT ABOUT YOU? TONE?
WOW, YOU'VE REALLY BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS, EH?
PIIII
NO SLACKING THERE!
OH? P.E. TEACHER?
THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE YOU!
I'M AIMING FOR UNIVERSITY...
...IN ORDER TO BECOME A P.E. TEACHER.
YEAH! SPORTS ARE MY LIFE!

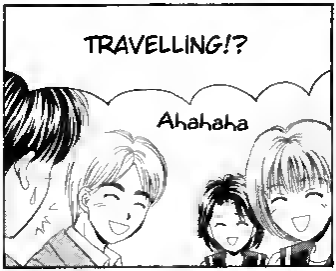
HMM...
SO EVERY-ONE'S DECIDED WHAT TO AIM FOR...
BET YOU WANNA BE THE BASKET-BALL COACH?
YOU BET-CHA!
WHAT ABOUT YOU? TAKING OVER THE TEMPLE, RIGHT?
LIKE THIS...?
sparkle
imagine...
gasp
ruru
WHO DECIDED THAT ALL MONKS HAVE TO SHAVE THEIR HEADS!?
Shut up!
I THINK YOU'D LOOK NICE WITH THAT HAIR STYLE!
MYO
wave
wave
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU IMAGINING!
SO? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
HUH?
twitch

UM... I'M...
TELL US ALREADY!
SO? WHAT?
YEAH, WHAT?


I.. I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT...
HAVEN'T DECIDED YET MYO?



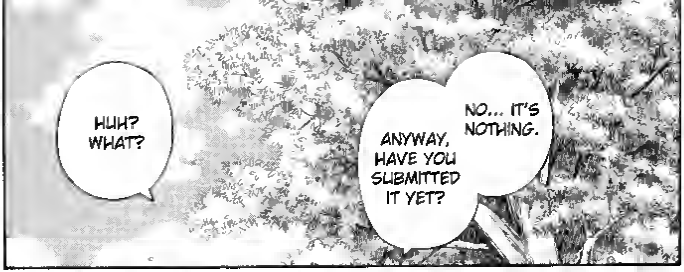
I'M .
..GOING TRAVELLING.


TRAVELLING!?
Ahahaha

WHAT!? WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT!?

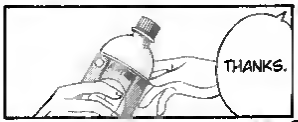
.....
<Ahahaha>
あはは
WHAT KIND OF TRAVEL?
THAT'S JUST CHASING AFTER RAINBOWS!
THE KIND TO "FIND YOURSELF", RIGHT?
<Ahahaha>
あは
PASSION, HE SAYS!
は は
RATHER THAN PASSION, I PREFER FASHION!
FINE! WHATEVER! YOU GUYS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND A MAN'S PASSION!
OH, YEAH... I WONDER WHAT [illegible] MI'S [illegible] NING [illegible] ING...
.....

ko-kke!
NICE CATCH, SAKURA-CHAN!
<bal. u>
GOOD GIRL!
kuu
OH YEAH, DID YOU KNOW THE TENNIS CLUB HAD A WELCOMING PARTY YESTERDAY?
THERE WERE SO MANY NEW MEMBERS!
stare
HUH?
WHAT'S UP? SPACING OUT LIKE THAT...
WHAT ABOUT THE BOXING CLUB?


HUH? WHAT?
ANYWAY, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED IT YET?
NO... IT'S NOTHING.

HMM... WELL...
YEAH.
EH? WHAT'S WRONG? SUDDENLY BRINGING THAT UP?

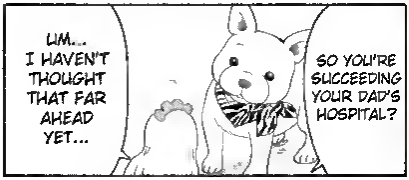
FUTURE PLANS SURVEY,
YOU'VE PROBABLY DECIDED WHAT TO DO, RIGHT?

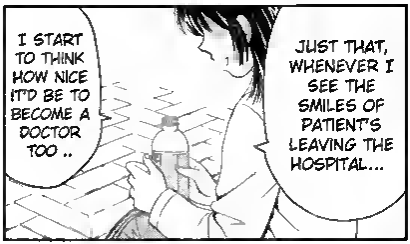

THANKS.

I HAVEN'T FILLED OUT THE FORM YET,
BUT I'VE DECIDED WHAT I'D LIKE TO BE.

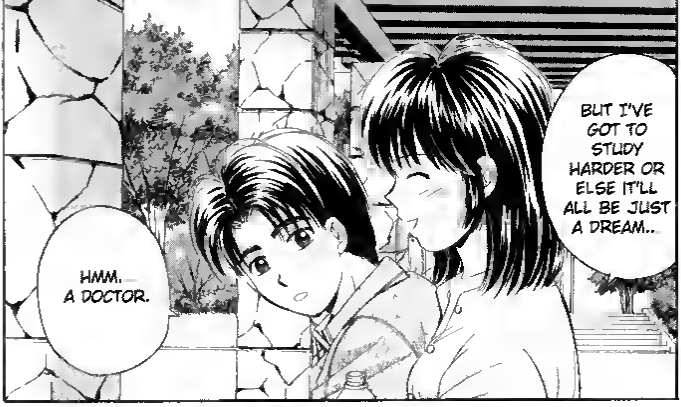
WHAT?
EH? IT'S SORT OF EMBA-RASSING!

ACTUALLY, I WANT TO GO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL...


UM... I HAVEN'T THOUGHT THAT FAR AHEAD YET...
SO YOU'RE SUCCEEDING YOUR DAD'S HOSPITAL?


I START TO THINK HOW NICE IT'D BE TO BECOME A DOCTOR TOO ..
JUST THAT, WHENEVER I SEE THE SMILES OF PATIENT'S LEAVING THE HOSPITAL...

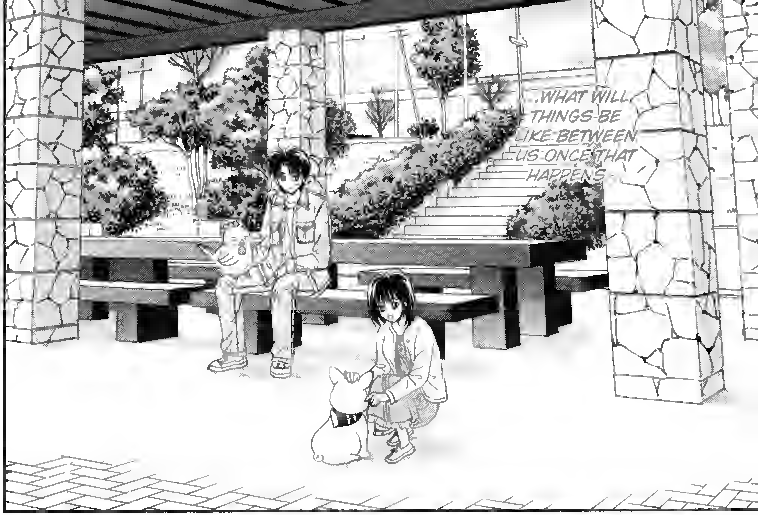
HUH? MED SCHOOL!?


HMM... A DOCTOR.
BUT I'VE GOT TO STUDY HARDER OR ELSE IT'LL ALL BE JUST A DREAM..

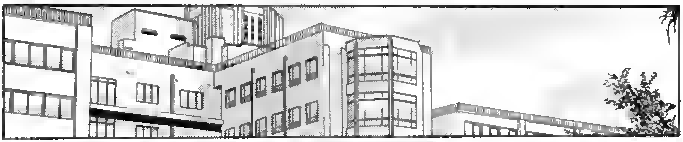
SO MOGAMI'S CAME TO HER OWN CONCLUSIONS ALREADY...

I GUESS I BETTER START DECIDING WHAT I'LL BE...
PAT

AND I'M EXPECTED TO TAKE A PATH THAT I WON'T BE GOING DOWN...
trot


...WHAT WILL THINGS BE LIKE BETWEEN US ONCE THAT HAPPENS

I'VE GOT TO THINK ABOUT THAT TOO...



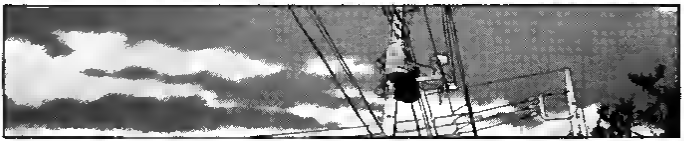
AH! IT'S MOGAMI!
HE-...

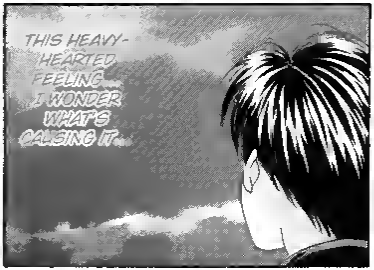
...SOME THINGS HAVE BECOME SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE
I GUESS AFTER CHANGING CLASSES..

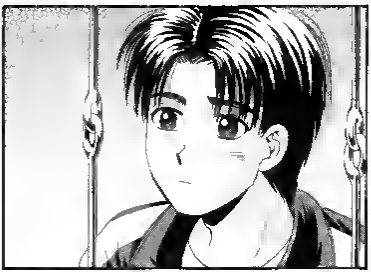
YO!
LET'S HEAD HOME!
DAN-JOU-KUN!
DID YOU WAIT LONG?
YEAH... NOW THAT I'VE DECIDED WHAT TO DO, I MIGHT AS WELL GIVE IT MY BEST TO SEE IT HAPPEN!
SORRY! I CAN'T! I'VE GOT TO GO TO PREPA-RATORY SCHOOL!
PREP SCHOOL!? WHEN DID YOU START GOING TO THOSE?
SEE YOU THEN!
MOGAMI-SAN
AAH...

huff
huff
ハァハァ

whew

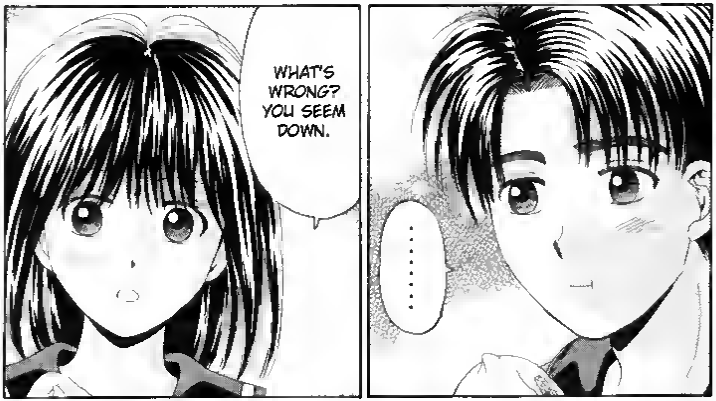



THIS HEAVY-HEARTED FEELING... I WONDER WHAT'S CAUSING IT...



DANJOU-KUN!
KO
LET'S GO, SUMIRE!
I WENT TO YOUR HOUSE JUST NOW, AND THEY SAID YOU WERE OUT DOING SOME ROAD-WORK...
I KNEW I'D FIND YOU HERE!
..AND I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HERE..
MOGAMI!
OH YEAH, I JUST BOUGHT THIS, I'LL SHARE SOME WITH YOU!
HERE, FRESH OUT OF THE OVER!
THANK YOU.
.....

THIS IS GOOD.
ISN'T IT?


WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM DOWN.
.....

..YEAH, I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT I SHOULD DO...
KO?

AFTER WE GRADUATE,
I GUESS WE'LL PROBABLY BE GOING OUR SEPARATE WAYS ..
HUH?
.....
AND THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FOLLOW AFTER YOU KNOWING YOUR PLANS..
I WONDER WHAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WILL BE LIKE A YEAR FROM NOW...

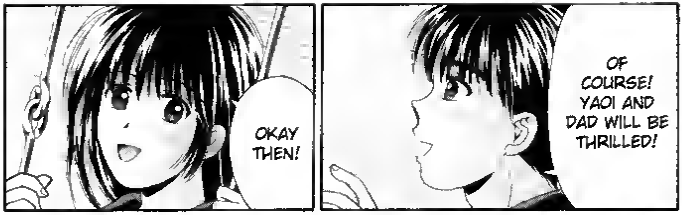
HUH...?
THAT'S THE ONE THING THAT WON'T CHANGE, RIGHT?
WE'LL STILL BE TOGETHER, RIGHT?

WHAT?
HUH?
.....
W-... WHAT IS IT?
AM I WRONG?
.. SHE REALLY IS AMA-ZING!
EH?

WE'LL STILL BE TOGETHER, RIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW, THE WEIGHT THAT WAS ON MY HEART HAS SUDDENLY DISSAPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE...
OF COURSE!
Pu
DID I SAY SOMETHING STRANGE?
DAN-JOU-KUN?
UMM... ARE YOU TALKING TO YOURSELF THERE?
AHA HAHA!
koke!?
...I WAS SUCH A FOOL...
Ahaha
OH MAN!

THAT'S WEIRD STILL BE TOGETHER
NO, YOU'RE BEING WEIRD!
rattle
MAN, THAT WAS WEIRD!
SO IN MOGAMI'S MIND, I'M ALWAYS ASKING THAT. THAT'S TRUE.
KYA!
PUSH
creak

HUH? CAN I?
WANT TO HAVE DINNER AT MY PLACE?


OKAY THEN!
OF COURSE! YAOI AND DAD WILL BE THRILLED!

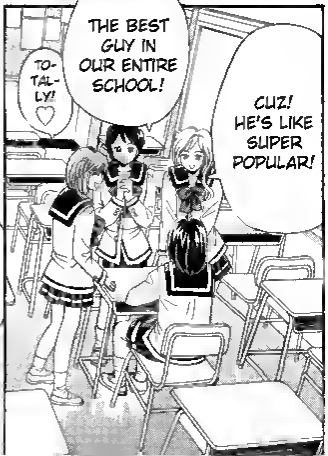
...BUT NOTHING WILL BE FINE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US...
...THERE'LL BE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT...

TIME WILL WAIT FOR US...
THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH THINGS...
...WE'LL TAKE IT ONE STEP AT A TIME, TOGETHER.
WHATEVER THE FUTURE HAS IN STORE FOR US...

NEW CLASSMATES
IT'S TRUE, RIGHT!?
THE DANJOU-KUN?
HEY! IS IT TRUE YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH THE DANJOU-KUN!?

OPEN SESAME
UM... WHAT DO YOU MEAN "THE"?

...SO UM, CAN WE ASK YOU SOME-THING?
YES?


TO-TAL-LY!
THE BEST GUY IN OUR ENTIRE SCHOOL!
CUZ! HE'S LIKE SUPER POPULAR!

# OPEN SESAME

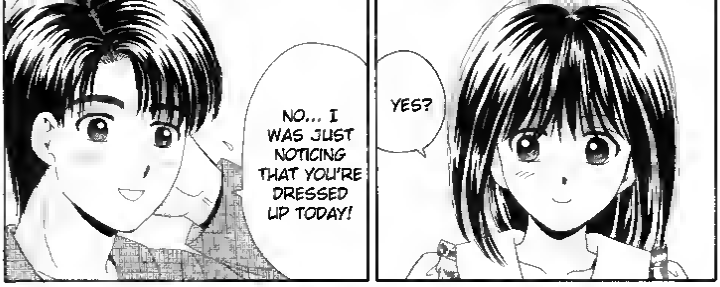
## Check 91: Special Happy!

...HEY, MOGAMI,
MOGAMI !?
HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG, SPACING OUT LIKE THAT?
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
AH... SORRY
...SAY, THIS SUN-DAY..
YES?
WANT TO GO ON A SPECIAL DATE?

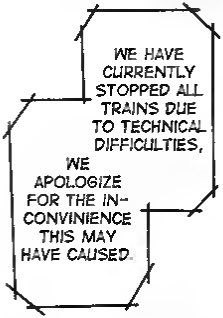
WE'VE NEVER DONE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
WELL... NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT...
SPECIAL DATE!?
TODAY, SOME CLASSMATES ASKED ME TO RECOMMEND SOME GOOD DATING SPOTS, BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO GIVE THEM AN ANSWER...
I SEE... SO...
I WANT TO GO TO ODAIBA,
SINCE I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE BEFORE!
AH! I WANNA GO THERE TOO!
THERE'RE SO MANY STORES THERE!
ALRIGHT, I'LL GO RESEARCH A BIT THEN!
YEAH!

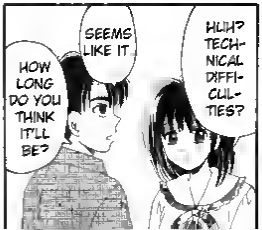
GIALLETTI TOWER
TOKYU HOTEL
OH!
WHAT A CUTEY ...
tug

MOGAMI, OVER HERE!
I FEEL SO OUT OF PLACE!
BUT WHY IN THE WORLD DID YOU DECIDE TO MEET IN A HOTEL LOBBY?
ISN'T THIS A LITTLE TOO SPECIAL?
NO, I JUST ARRIVED MYSELF.
SORRY, DID YOU WAIT LONG?
WHAT KIND OF REASON IS THAT?
I JUST WANTED TO EXPERIENCE THIS AT LEAST ONCE! FORGIVE ME!

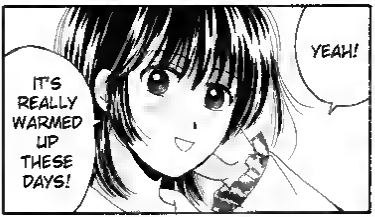

NO... I WAS JUST NOTICING THAT YOU'RE DRESSED UP TODAY!
YES?

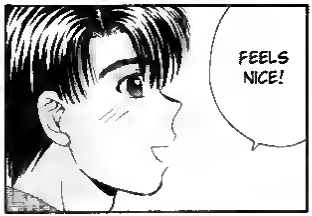
YEP!
AFTERALL, TODAY'S GOING TO BE A SPECIAL DATE!


WE HAVE CURRENTLY STOPPED ALL TRAINS DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE IN-CONVINIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED.


HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT'LL BE?
SEEMS LIKE IT
HUH? TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES?

SEEMS LIKE IT'LL TAKE A WHILE, WHAT NOW?
TALK ABOUT RAIN ON OUR PARADE ..
WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE WAIT UNTIL ALL REPAIRS ARE COMPLETED.
HMM ..
I KNOW!


IT'S REALLY WARMED UP THESE DAYS!
YEAH!


FEELS NICE!

I REMEMBERED FROM BACK WHEN I WENT TO ASAKUSA BY BOAT...
YEP!
WHO KNEW THERE WAS THIS OPTION TOO!
SO YOU CAN REACH ODAIBA BY BOAT TOO?
I SEE.
AH! LOOK! IT'S AN AIR-PLANE!
THAT WAS JUST LIKE A KID'S REACTION.
WELL, SORRY.
Pu
WH... WHAT?

DON'T YOU GET EXCITED WHEN YOU SEE AIR-PLANES, MOGAMI?
WELL... A BIT.
SEE?
HEY! NOW WHO'S ACTING LIKE A KID!
I GUESS!
Ahaha
AH! LOOK!
IT'S THE TOKYO TOWER!
I GUESS IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TAKING THE FERRY!
SEE, ISN'T IT?

ODAIBA

HUH? WHAT'S THAT MEMO?
YOU LIKED PASTA, RIGHT?
I HEARD THIS RESTAURANT HAS A SUPERB CRAB CREAM PASTA.

REALLY? LET'S GO!
SOUNDS DELICIOUS!
THEY'RE FAMOUS FOR USING KING CRABS.
LOOK FORWARD TO IT!

BY THEIR POPULARITY, IT'S GOT TO BE GREAT!
AH, IT'S JUST AROUND THIS CORNER.

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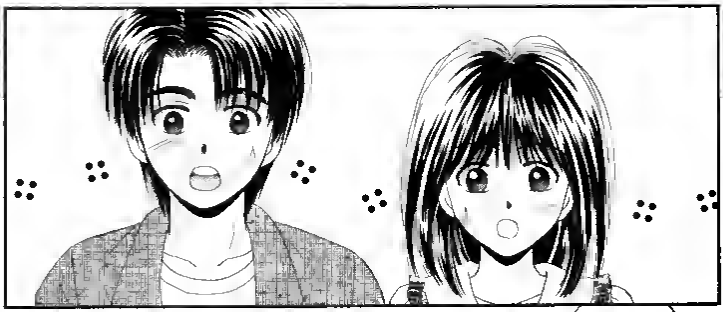

Line ends here
Current wait time 2 hours
I GUESS COMING ON A SUNDAY WASN'T A GOOD IDEA...
IT SAYS A 2 HOUR WAIT, WHAT DO WE DO?

WOW... TALK ABOUT A LINE UP...
YEAH...

TWO HOURS IS PUSHING IT A BIT...
LET'S TRY SOME-PLACE ELSE.
YOU SURE? BUT YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO FIND THIS PLACE.
THAT'S OKAY, I LOOKED UP A WHOLE BUNCH OF OTHER PLACES TOO.
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WOW... ALL THE GOOD DATING SPOTS ARE PACKED...
IT SEEMS EVERYONE'S SEEN THE SAME RECOM-MENDATIONS
US INCLU-DED...
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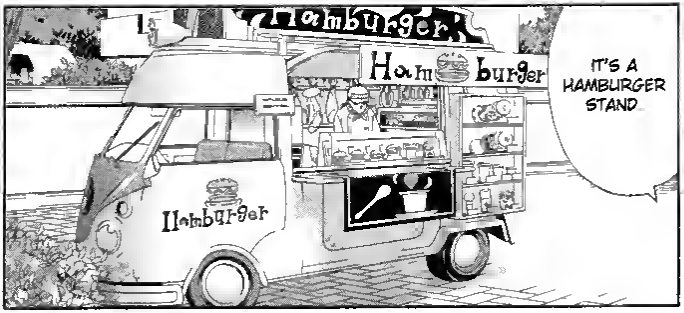
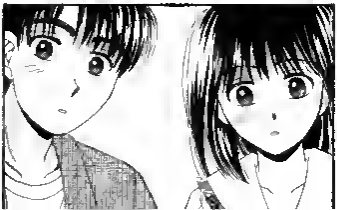
HEY, WHAT'S OVER THERE?
Hamburger


IT'S A HAMBURGER STAND.
Hamburger
Hamburger

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
TWO SPECIAL BURGERS PLEASE.

LET'S TRY THAT PLACE, OKAY?
YEAH, SURE.



TALK ABOUT ALL-NATURAL.
INDEED
LET'S EAT OVER THERE!
SURE.
HERE, THANKS FOR WAITING!
Bite
HERE, COFFEE.
THANKS.
WHAT IS IT?
HMM?

YEAH!
MOGAMI, THIS-!?
Bite
HMM !?
YEAH, IT'S REALLY GREAT, I'VE NEVER HAD ANYTHING LIKE THIS!
THIS IS DELICIOUS, WHAT'S IN HERE!?
Hamburger
Hamburger
Hamburger
WHO WOULD'VE EXPECTED THIS FROM A DESERTED HAMBURGER STAND.

WHAT'S WITH THE CAMERA CREW!?
!?
THERE IT IS! THE STAND!
THEY'RE STILL OPEN! LUCKY!
.....!?
IT'S HERE! HURRY!
WOW... IT SURE GOT BUSY IN A BLINK OF AN EYE...
UM... THAT STALL... WHY IS IT...?
HUH? DON'T YOU KNOW?
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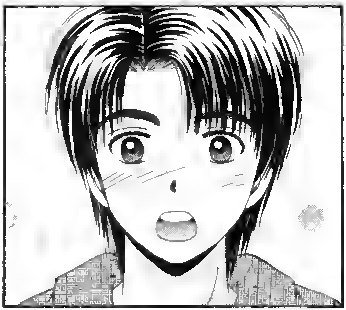
AND WHAT'S EVER MORE, THEY ONLY SERVE ONE HUNDRED BURGERS A DAY, SO IT'S REALLY HARD TO GET THEM!
IT'S A FAMOUS HAMBURGER STAND FEATURED ON TELEVISION AND MAGAZINES, BUT SINCE IT MOVES AROUND, NO ONE EVER KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE IT IS.
HEY,
YES?
COULD IT BE THAT WE'RE...
NO WONDER IT'S SO GOOD!
...SUPER LUCKY, RIGHT?
OKAY?
ALRIGHT.
I WANT TO GO TO THE BEACH!

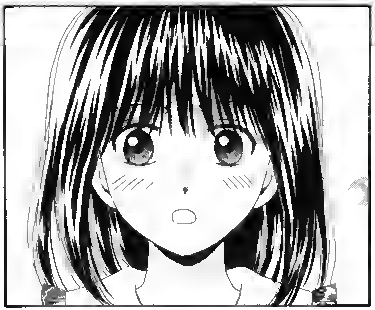
THIS LOCATION'S USED IN A LOT OF DRAMAS YOU KNOW?
NO KIDDING...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO COME AT LEAST ONCE!
WITH YOU, DANJOU-KUN!
PIOP
HUH?
RAIN?

NO WAY, THE FORE-CAST SAID NOTHING ABOUT RAIN TODAY!
OH MAN, WE DIDN'T BRING ANY UMBRELLAS!
WELL, THERE GOES OUR PLANS.
THE BEACH IS NO GOOD AT THIS POINT.
IT'S PROBABLY JUST PASSING, LET'S FIND SOME PLACE TO HIDE FOR NOW.
YEAH.
LET'S GO THERE FOR NOW.
OKAY.

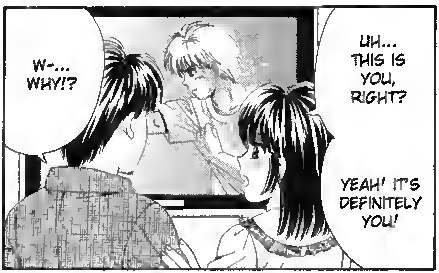
<Personal Photo Exhibit: Miyamura Azusa>

A PHOTO EXHIBIT?
SEEMS INTER-ESTING, SHALL WE GO IN?
WHAT A TOUCHING SCENE,
I LOVE THESE KIND OF SHOTS.
YEAH, ME TOO.
OH!



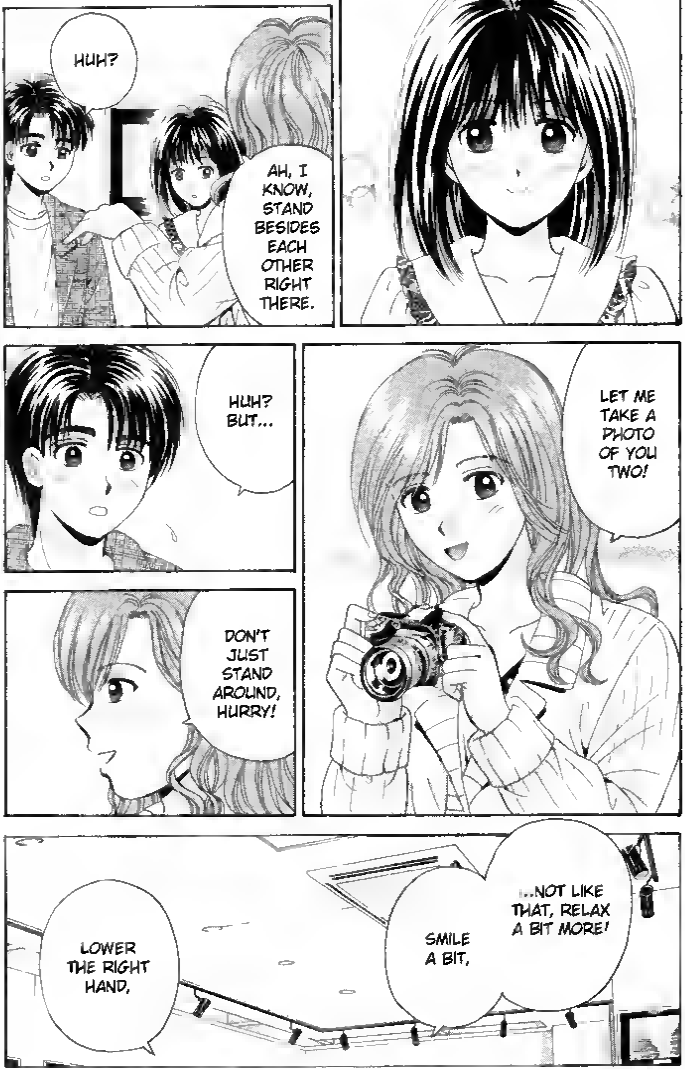


EH? DANJOU-KUN?



HUH?
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE!?
UM...
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME!?
AH! AZUSA-SAN!
THE ONE WHO WANTED TO BE A PHOTO-GRAPHER!
<See vol 16>
OF... OF COURSE!
SO YOU DO REMEMBER ME!

WHAT A CUTE GIRL! YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
YEAH, A BIT.
SOME-ONE YOU KNOW?
EH? WELL... YES...
YEAH, I RECIEVED AN AWARD THERE, AND USED THE CHANCE TO HOLD A PERSONAL EXHIBIT HERE FOR NOW,
I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK THERE SOON THOUGH.
AH.. BUT DIDN'T YOU GO TO THE STATES?
WOW, THAT'S AMAZING!
YOU'VE BEEN DOING GREAT!
YEAH, I FEEL REALLY ACCOM-PLISHED RIGHT NOW!


HUH?
AH, I KNOW, STAND BESIDES EACH OTHER RIGHT THERE.
HUH? BUT...
LET ME TAKE A PHOTO OF YOU TWO!
DON'T JUST STAND AROUND, HURRY!
LOWER THE RIGHT HAND,
SMILE A BIT,
..NOT LIKE THAT, RELAX A BIT MORE!

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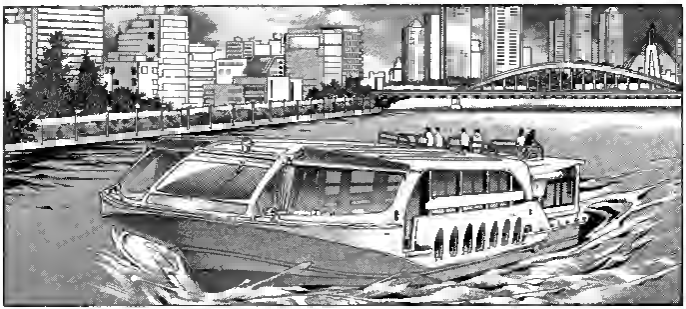
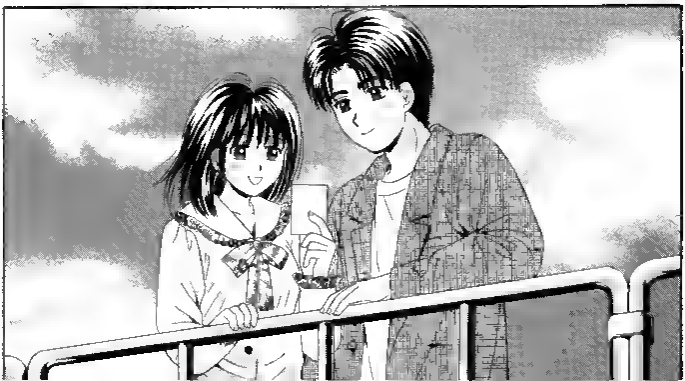




HEY, HAVE YOU NOTICED?
THIS IS THE FIRST PHOTO WE'VE TAKEN TOGETHER AS A COUPLE.
WE'RE LIKE DIFFER-ENT PEOPLE!
SHE REALLY IS A PRO-FESSIONAL PHOTO-GRAPHER!

BY THE WAY, DANKOU-KUN. .
YES?
OH YEAH ..
AZUSA-SAN SURE WAS PRETTY, WASN'T SHE?
EH?
Gulp
stare

I- I'M NOT LYING!
YOU WERE THERE! WHEN SHE ALMOST KILLED ME WITH THAT CELLPHONE? SO I WAS TRYING TO HELP HER ..
UM... I WAS JUST TRAINING AND SHE WAS TRYING TO FIND HER CELLPHONE STRAP WHEN SHE UM.
SO WHERE'D YOU MEET HER?
.....
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO FLUSTERED FOR?
DANJOU-KUN, LOOK!
AH!
HUH?

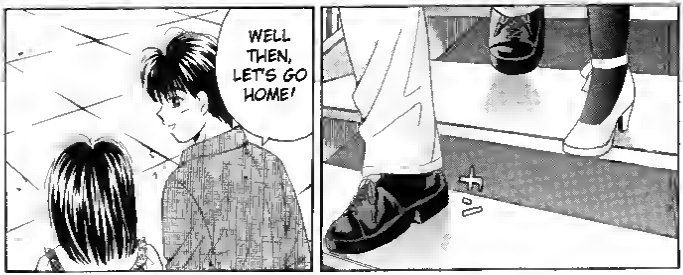
YEAH!
IT'S COMPLETE FROM END TO END, WHAT A SIGHT!

WOW! AMAZING!
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SUCH A LARGE RAINBOW!

IT SURE IS.

IT'S SO PRETTY!
WHAT A HUGE RAINBOW!

IN THE END, IT SEEMS LIKE NOTHING WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN TODAY...
HEY, MOGAMI
YES?
YEAH, WE SURE DID!
WHO WOULD'VE GUESSED!
YEAH,
BUT WE SURE HAD FUN TODAY, DIDN'T WE?
WE DON'T HAVE TO GO TO SOME PLACE SPECIAL OR FOLLOW SOME PLAN TO HAVE A GOOD TIME.
DID YOU KNOW? DA-JOU KUN?
BY SIMPLY BEING TOGETHER, WE CAN HAVE THE TIME OF OUR LIVES!!


WELL THEN, LET'S GO HOME!
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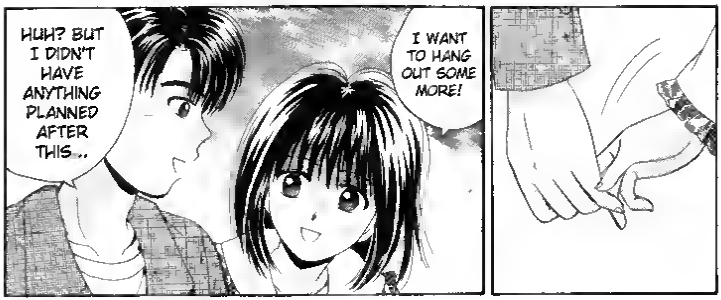
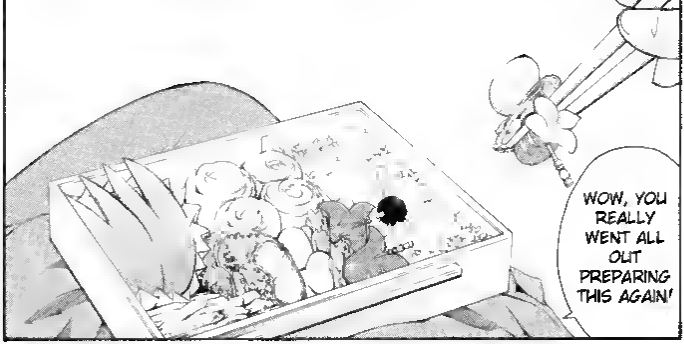

HUH? BUT I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING PLANNED AFTER THIS...
I WANT TO HANG OUT SOME MORE!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE WE GO...

.. AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER!
浅草水上バス乗船場

## Check 92: What I Want to Be


WOW, YOU REALLY WENT ALL OUT PREPARING THIS AGAIN!

NOW THAT IT'S GOTTEN WARMER, ISN'T IT NICE TO HAVE LUNCH OUTDOORS LIKE THIS ONCE IN A WHILE?

HMM! DELICIOUS!
Bite

WELL, THERE'S THAT... BUT I REALLY WANTED TO TALK...
HMM? WHAT IS IT, WHY SO SERIOUS?
YOU KNOW WHY, DON'T YOU?

CAN YOU GUESS WHY I WANTED TO HAVE LUNCH BY OURSELVES LIKE THIS?
YEAH, I WOULDN'T MIND DOING THIS EVERY-DAY!
HMM... A CHANGE OF PACE?

YOUR FUTURE PLANS!
YOUR FUTURE!
I'M KID-DING.
HEY! BE SERIOUS HERE!
AH! YOU'VE GOT SOME RICE ON YOUR FACE.
HUH? YOU'RE KIDDING.
ALRIGHT... I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT...
YOU HAVE?
WHAT I WANT TO DO...
I HAVE SOME IDEAS, BUT THEY'RE ALL VERY VAGUE SO I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS YET...

WHY DOES IT MATTER TO YOU... IT'S MY FUTURE AFTERALL...
WELL... THAT SURE DOESN'T HELP...
HUH?
WELL... THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
...I WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD GO TO THE SAME-...
COME ON! MOGAMI!
What's lunch got to do with anything...
ANYWAY! MAKE A DECISION ALREADY, OR ELSE I'LL STOP BRINGING LUNCH FOR YOU!
N-NOTHING!

3-B
SIGH...
WHY THE SIGH? TAMA-NAMI?
AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN FINISH YOUR LUNCH,
NOT FEELING WELL?
NO, I'M FINE THERE, BUT...
BUT?
...THE RESULTS ON THE MOCK EXAM I GOT BACK TODAY WERE PRETTY BAD.
HUH? BUT I THOUGHT YOU HAD GOOD MARKS?
NOPE...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I SEE...
...
ME? SAME AS USUAL...
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WHOA!?
COME ON GUYS! FORGET ABOUT THAT, AND WHAT BETTER WAY THAN A LITTLE EXERCISE?
YAMATO !?
<BOXING CLUB>
HUH !?
PIOP
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ISE!

YOU LOOK PRETTY PENT-UP THERE... FEEL FREE TO GO ALL OUT!
ALRIGHT THEN...
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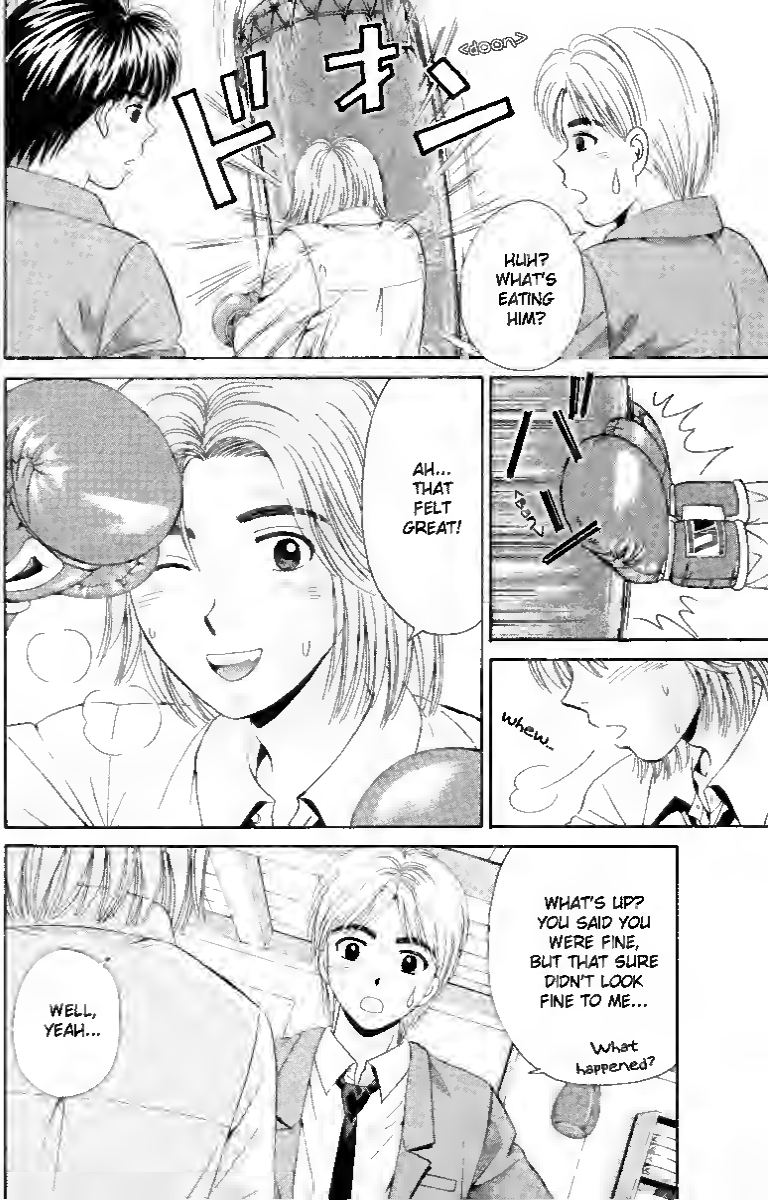
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HUH? WHAT'S EATING HIM?
AH... THAT FELT GREAT!
PUNCH
whew...
WHAT'S UP? YOU SAID YOU WERE FINE, BUT THAT SURE DIDN'T LOOK FINE TO ME...
What happened?
WELL, YEAH...

ACTU-
ALLY
...
I WAS KINDA PISSED ABOUT MY CRAPPY MARK ON THAT TEST TOO...
EH? REALLY !?
YOU SURE DIDN'T SEEM THAT WAY!
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BUT... HOW COME HE REALIZED I WAS DOWN WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT YOU?
WHO KNOWS ...
SURE FEELS GOOD TO GIVE IT A GOOD PUNCH, DOESN'T IT?
<Gishi x2>
BECAUSE! IT'S LIKE YOUR BORN TO MOTIVATE OTHERS!
HUH?
YEAH, YOU COULD SAY THAT
YEAH, YAMATO SURE IS MYSTERIOUS WHEN IT COMES TO THAT...
HUH? ME? WHY?

YEAH, EXACTLY!
YEAH... YOU COULD PUT IT THAT WAY...
LIKE STARTING THE BOXING CLUB AND GETTING ALONG WITH THE GIRLS ..
HUH?
DANJOU-KUN!
AH! HE'S HERE!
THE GUYS FROM CLASS C ARE SKIPPING THE GRAD COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CAN YOU GO TALK TO THEM?
CAN WE ASK A FAVOUR OF YOU?
SHOULDN'T YOU ASK SOMEONE IN CLASS C?
CLASS C!?
BUT I'M IN B, WHAT'S THIS GOT TO DO WITH ME?
HUH? ME? WHAT IS IT?

YEAH...
IT JUST IS, ISN'T IT?
AND WHY IS THAT?
NO, THAT WON'T WORK. EVEN IF I DID, THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN,
BUT IF IT'S YOU, THEN IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY!

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DANJOU-KUN...
HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT TO DO YET?
HMM..
HUH?
DANJOU-KUN?
AH... YEAH...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU KEEPING THINKING LIKE THAT!
AHH! I CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND!
WHAT I WANT TO DO..
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BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, SO KEEP IT UP, OKAY?
AH.. RIGHT.
I THINK I'LL GIVE IT A BIT MORE TIME...

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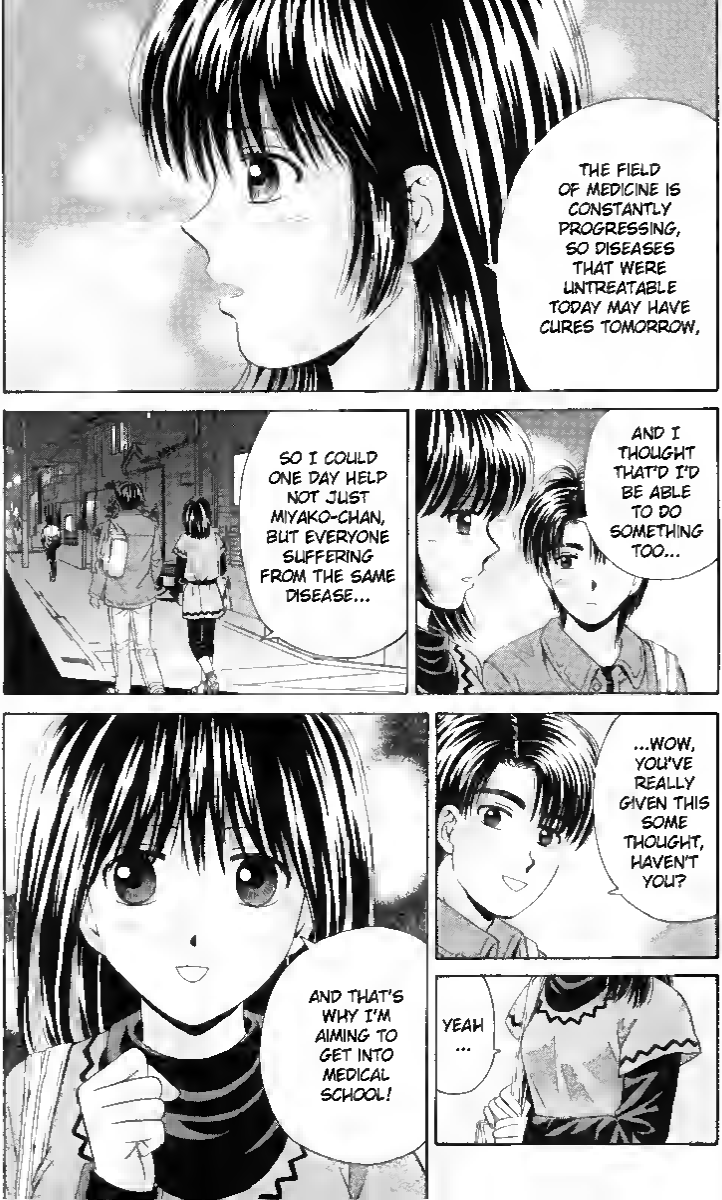
初診の方
受付
再診の方
NO, I'M FINE!
NOT FEELING WELL?
ISN'T THIS YOUR DAD'S HOSPI-TAL?
MIYAKO-CHAN!
YAY! YOU CAME!
受付
MAKI ONEE-CHAN!
AH!
?

YOU'RE LOOKING FINE TODAY!
YEP!
!?
I'M MIYAKO, NICE TO MEET YOU!
AND THIS IS MY FRIEND, DANJOU-KUN.
AH, LEMME INTRO-DUCE YOU!
THIS IS MIYAKO-CHAN.
NICE TO MEET YOU TOO!
REALLY? HAVE YOU FOUND ANYTHING INTERES-TING?
I FEEL GREAT TODAY, SO THEY'RE LETTING ME EXPLORE THE HOSPITAL TODAY.
UMM... LET ME SEE...

I FOUND THIS ROSE GARDEN ON TOP OF THE ROOF,
AND THE FLOWERS JUST BLOOMED YESTERDAY!
WERE THEY PRETTY?
YEAH! THEY WERE SO PRETTY!
WHEN I GET OUT OF THE HOSPITAL, I WANNA GROW A LOT OF FLOWERS IN MY YARD TOO!
AND ALSO, I'M GOING TO KEEP A DOG LIKE MAKI ONEE-CHAN'S!
DO YOU THINK I CAN?
OF COURSE!
OF COURSE YOU CAN! I BET THERE'S A PUPPY OUT THERE JUST WAITING TO BE RAISED BY YOU!
AND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, YOU'LL DO YOUR BEST TO GET HEALTHY!
YEAH!!

...THAT GIRL SURE WAS ENERGETIC, BUT I GUESS SHE'S COME DOWN WITH SOMETHING IF SHE HAS TO BE HOSPITALIZED,
Seeing the pajamas
WHAT DOES SHE HAVE?
?
SOMETHING WE CAN'T TREAT WITH CURRENT MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY...
...SOMETHING SHE'LL HAVE TO LIVE WITH FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE...
HUH?

MOGAMI ...
...I JUST HAPPENED TO MEET HER AT THE HOSPITAL RECENTLY...
...BUT I JUST CAN'T BEAR THE FACT THAT SUCH AN INNOCENT GIRL WILL HAVE TO UNDERGO SUCH PAINFUL TREATMENT CONTINUOUSLY AS LONG AS SHE LIVES ..
LOOK! MAKI-ONEE-CHAN!
IT'S YOU!
SHE SURE HAS TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU!


THE FIELD OF MEDICINE IS CONSTANTLY PROGRESSING, SO DISEASES THAT WERE UNTREATABLE TODAY MAY HAVE CURES TOMORROW,
SO I COULD ONE DAY HELP NOT JUST MIYAKO-CHAN, BUT EVERYONE SUFFERING FROM THE SAME DISEASE...
AND I THOUGHT THAT'D I'D BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING TOO...
...WOW, YOU'VE REALLY GIVEN THIS SOME THOUGHT, HAVEN'T YOU?
AND THAT'S WHY I'M AIMING TO GET INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL!
YEAH ...

YEAH.
KO?

I SEE.
MORE TEA?
YES PLEASE.
IS YAMATO, STUDYING IN HIS ROOM?
YEAH, HE'S BEEN REALLY SERIOUS THESE DAYS...
<KOPO KOPO>
W-WHAT !?
!?
I GOT IT!
KOKE !?
<DORO DORO>
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WHO KNOWS
I THOUGHT YOU SAID HE WAS SERIOUS THESE DAYS...

ONII-CHAN? WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
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WHY HAVEN'T I THOUGHT ABOUT IT UNTIL NOW?
THAT'S IT! IT'S SO SIMPLE!

DANJOU-KUN,
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE OUT OF BREATH, AND AT THIS HOUR TOO?
haa haa
HUH!?
I'VE DECIDED WHAT I WANT TO BE!

I'M GONNA STAY IN HIGH SCHOOL!
W-... WHAT IS IT?
SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO FAIL THIS YEAR?
...HUH?
I'M...
BUT...
COME ON NOW, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I'M GOING TO BE A TEACHER!
I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT COMPARED TO PUSHING MYSELF, I DO A MUCH BETTER JOB MOTIVATING AND SUPPORTING OTHERS.
AND OF COURSE I'D LIKE A DECENT JOB LIKE EVERY-ONE ELSE
WHAT!?
...THEN, WHAT ABOUT UNIVER-SITY?
I'M THINKING OF GETTING INTO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS YOU...

YES!!
NO... MOGAMI !?

I'VE FINALLY MADE UP MY MIND, BUT THE REAL CHALLENGE STARTS NOW...
YEAH!
I'M JUST SO HAPPY!
I'LL DO EVERY-THING I CAN, SO LET'S GO TO UNIVERSITY TOGETHER!
YEAH!

THANKS FOR THE MEAL.
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HUH?
AH, MAKI, DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME?
WHAT IS IT PAPA? SOMETHING IMPORTANT?
HMM... ACTUALLY, I GOT A LETTER FROM KATSUHIKO-KUN,

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READ FOR YOUR-SELF.
slide
SURE.
HUH? FROM ONII-CHAN?
WHAT'S IT ABOUT?
PAPA . THIS IS ..!
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD IN NEW YORK?

IS THE PLACE WHERE CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH ON THE DISEASES YOU'RE INTERESTED IN TAKE PLACE.
AT THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WHERE KATSUHIKO-KUN WORKS IN SOUTHERN NEW YORK,
.....
ENTRANCE INTO SOUTHERN NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IS SOUGHT BY DOCTOR HOPEFULS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD,
AND IT'LL BE AN INVALUBLE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE THE FOREFRONT OF MEDICAL RESEARCH FIRST-HAND.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I-... UM..
JAPAN ABROAD
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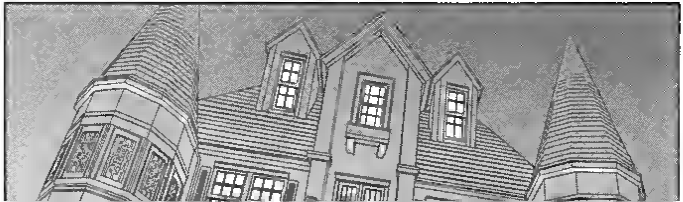
IF YOU DECIDE TO DO THIS, WE'VE ARRANGED FOR KATSUHIKO-KUN TO FIND YOU SOME PLACE TO LIVE.
AND AS LONG AS KATSUHIKO-KUN'S THERE, WE HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
BUT INCLUDING MEDICAL SCHOOL, IT'LL TAKE AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS OF HARD WORK FOR YOU TO FINISH.

GIVE IT SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT.



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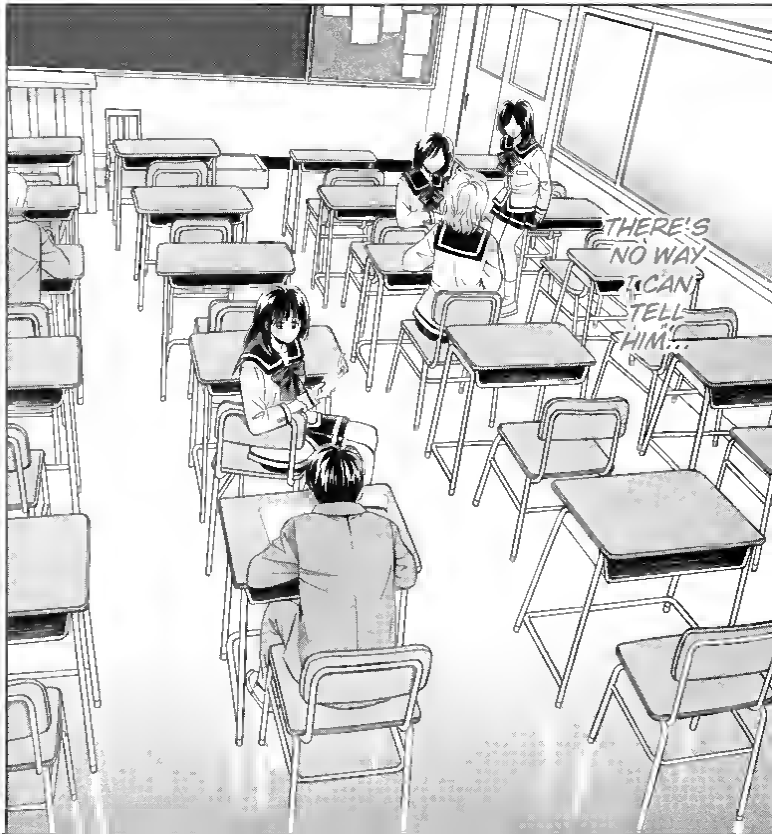
MOGAMI, CAN YOU WAIT A BIT?
HUH?
LET ME JUST FINISH UP THIS PAGE.
YOU SURE ARE WORKING HARD!
YEAH.

I'VE BEEN REALLY MOTIVATED AFTER DECIDING TO GO TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS YOU!
PEOPLE DO SURE CHANGE WHEN THEY HAVE A GOAL IN MIND!

NOT TO MENTION THAT I NEED TO WORK FIVE TIMES AS HARD JUST TO HAVE A CHANCE AT GETTING IN...

CAN YOU COME HERE FOR A SECOND?
HUH?
Y-... YEAH, KEEP IT UP!
YEAH!
I'M STUCK ON QUESTION THREE. COULD YOU HELP ME OUT?
AH .. SURE.
UM... IS THIS CASE, WOULD IT BE PAST TENSE?
HE'S STUDYING SO SERIOUSLY...

I CAN'T TELL HIM LIKE THIS...
WHAT DO I DO...


THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TELL HIM...

# OPEN SESAME

## Check 92: Tomorrow, After Your Exam...

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HOW WAS IT?
HERE.

I WONDER IF I CAN KEEP UP WITH THEM.
THANKS, IT SURE IS TENSE IN THERE.

YOU WON'T BE GETING INTO UNIVERSITY WITH A WHIMPY ATTITUDE LIKE THAT!
GOOD POINT.
<pen>
ALRIGHT! LET'S DO THIS!
I'M GONNA DO MY BEST!
WAIT HERE FOR ME!
OKAY

IT SURE IS LATE, ARE YOU FINE WAITING FOR ME?
YEAH...
YES?
UM... SAY-
MOGAMI.
HUH...?
THANKS.

AH... YEAH...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO GET INTO THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS YOU THAT I'M ABLE TO PUSH MYSELF SO FAR...
WAIT FOR ME, OKAY?
OF COURSE.

Leah
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I GOT A LETTER FROM KATSUHIKO-KUN,
HUH? FROM ONII-CHAN?
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BUT INCLUDING MEDICAL SCHOOL, IT'LL TAKE AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS OF HARD WORK FOR YOU TO FINISH.
WILL YOU CONSIDER STUDYING ABROAD?
SOUTHERN NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IS THE LEADER IN RESEARCH ON DISEASES OF YOUR INTEREST,
STUDYING ABROAD...
GIVE IT SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT.
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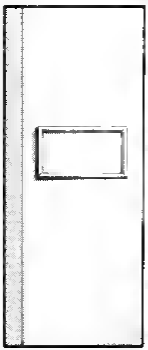

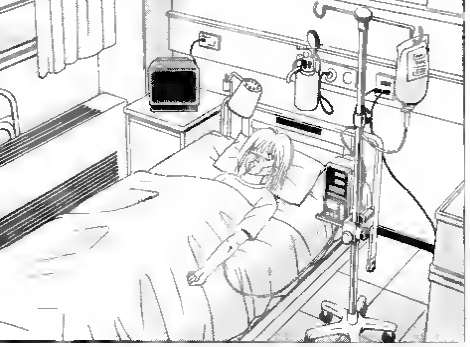

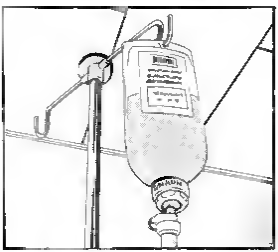

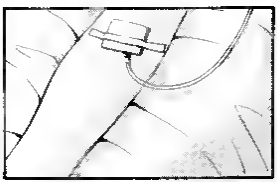

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YEAH, I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!
I'M STUDYING ABROAD!
WHAT?
FOR REAL !?
YESTER-DAY...
AFTER SEEING MIYAKO-CHAN, I STARTED SERIOUSLY THINKING...
THAT I WANTED TO SAVE HER...
AND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, I'LL NEED THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE...
B- BUT... DOES DANJOU-KUN KNOW?

HE'S TRYING SO HARD RIGHT NOW, SO SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD ONLY DISTRACT HIM...
I'LL TELL HIM AFTER HIS ENTRANCE EXAM...
MAKI...
nod
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
THERE'S STILL SO MUCH AHEAD OF US...
YEAH...
THE TWO OF US WOULDN'T BREAK UP OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS,

DID YOU STUDY?
SORT OF.
SO?
ARE YOU DONE?
!
SPEND YOUR TIME DURING SUMMER WISELY! CLASS DISMISSED!
HE WHO CONQUERS SUMMER, CONQUERS EXAMS,
YEAH, IS THIS RIGHT?

ahhh
OKAY.
WATCH YOUR STEP.
SLAPPED

WHAT'S WRONG?
KO?
OW!
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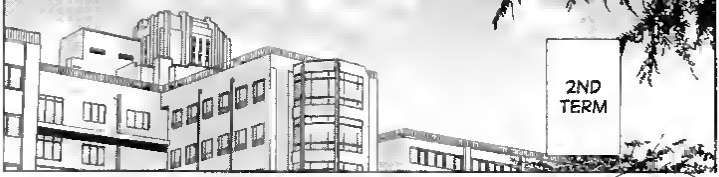
I STEPPED ON A BROKEN SEASHELL.
YOU'RE BLEEDING! YOU ALL RIGHT?
KO?
I'LL BE FINE, ONCE I PUT A BANDAGE ON.

REALLY?
YEAH.
THIS IS THE THIRD TIME YOU'VE CARRIED ME LIKE THIS.
SQUEEZE
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
IT'S NOTHING ...
NOTHING AT ALL...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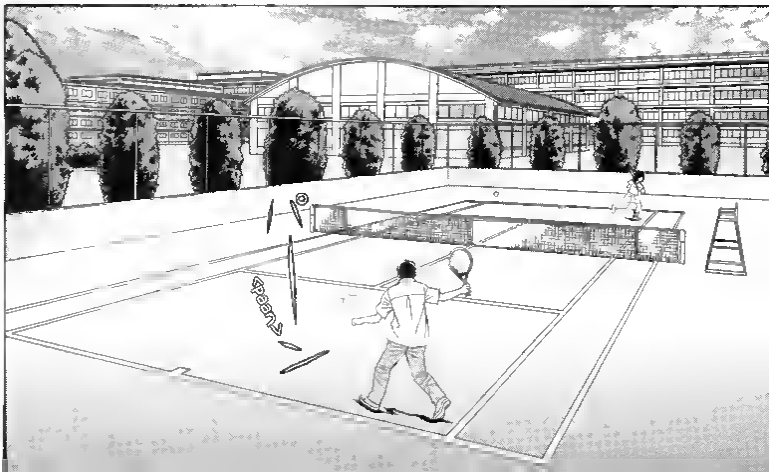
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT! YOUR WORK'S REALLY PAYING OFF!

MOGAMI! MY GRADES WENT UP!

HUH?
SHALL WE TAKE A BREAK TODAY THEN?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NICE!
WHOOSH
SWISH
SWISH
FLOP
FLIP

MAN IT'S HOT... LET'S TAKE A BREAK.
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HERE!
THANKS.
THAT'S WAS A GOOD SWEAT!
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HERE, TAKE THIS.

I WORE THAT WHEN I WON THE CITY CHAMPION-SHIPS.
OH, THANKS!
YEAH.
TRY IT ON!
HUH?
ARE YOU SURE, GIVING SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO ME?
THANKS! I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT!
....

WONDER IF WE CAN CATCH IT?
YEAH.
AH! IT'S A FISH!
SEE IT?
.....
KYA! IT'S SO COLD!
IT'LL BE HARD WITHOUT A NET.

SIGH...
KO?
WHAT'S WRONG?
TIME...
...SURE FLIES...
MOGAMI...?
MOGAMI?
UH-UH.
IT'S NO-THING.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE ENTRANCE EXAM'S TOMORROW,
IT SURE CAME QUICKLY.
YEAH.
I CAN SEE MY BREATH!
YEAH.
BETTER BE CAREFUL NOT TO CATCH A COLD.
I'VE STUDIED ALL THAT I CAN FOR IT THOUGH,
SO I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT IN MYSELF!

NOW I'VE DEFINITELY GOTTA PASS!
AND YOU'VE ALREADY GOTTEN IN BY RECOMMENDATION,
YOU WORKED REAL HARD!
YEAH,
WHAT IS IT?
AH... NOTHING.
.....
SO GOOD LUCK AND DO YOUR BEST!
I'LL BE CHEERING FOR YOU!

HUH?
OH YEAH, AFTER YOUR EXAM, I'LL COME MEET YOU.
SURE.
HUH? WON'T IT BE MORE WORK FOR YOU, COMING ALL THE WAY TO THE UNIVERSITY?
AFTER YOU FINISH, COME FIND ME AT THE UNIVERSITY'S MAIN ENTRANCE.
HUH?
YEAH...
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU...

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MOGAMI?
UM... YEAH.
GOOD LUCK.

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...SO MY BIG BROTHER'S TAKING ENTRANCE EXAMS RIGHT NOW,
AND SO THE ENTIRE FAMILY'S SUPER UPTIGHT!
WORRYING IF HE'LL PASS OR NOT
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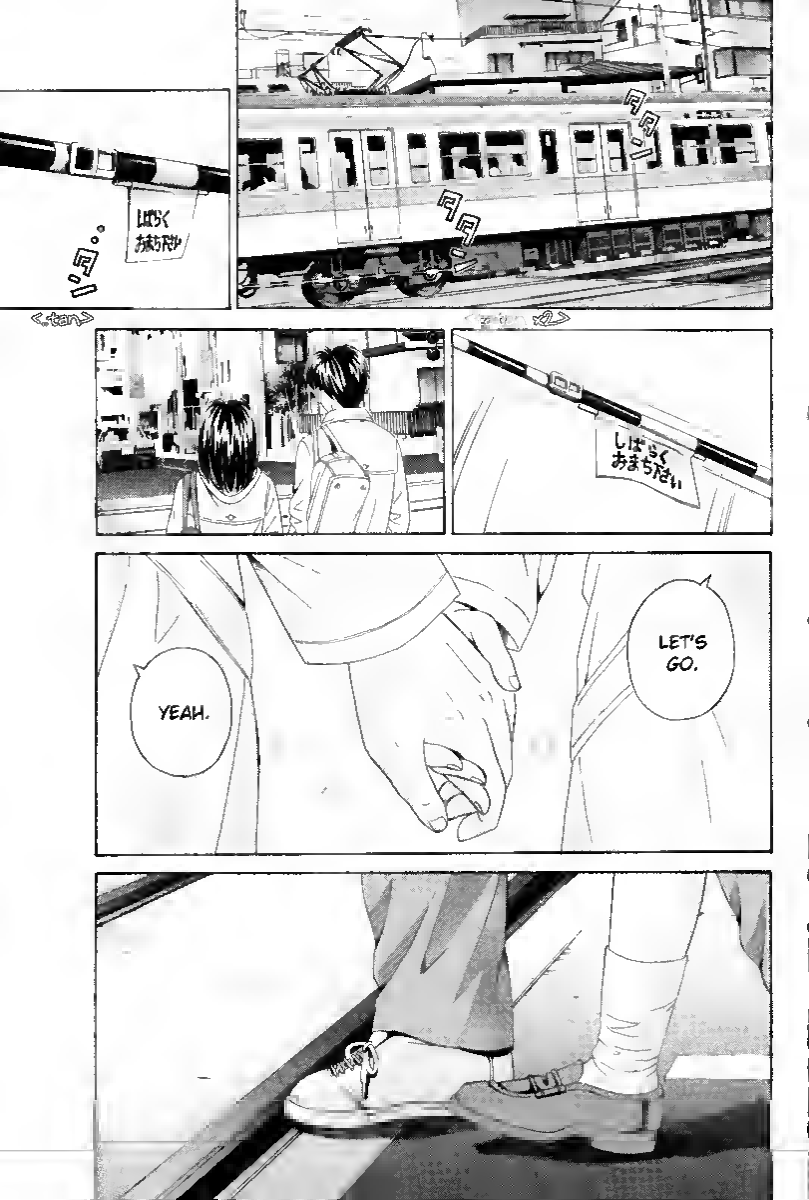
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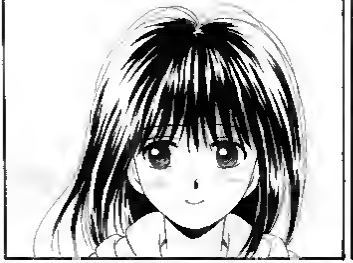
LET'S
GO.
YEAH.



ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS
THE NEXT DAY
ALRIGHT!

I FEEL LIKE I DID PRETTY WELL.
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE MY RESULTS!
LOOKS LIKE MOGAMI ISN'T HERE YET
<chatter>
IT'S FINALLY OVER!
UGH!

THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED IS CURRENTLY NOT IN SERVICE.
HUH?
DOOO DOOO DOOO
I'M SURE THAT NUMBER'S CORRECT...
WHAT?
PLEASE CHECK THE NUMBER AND TRY AGAIN.

SNAP
I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG, DID SHE MENTION THAT SHE CHANGED NUMBERS?
AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S GOING TO BE COMING.
BETTER CHECK THINGS OUT AT HER HOUSE...
HUH?
A- ABOUT WHAT...?
HUH?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? YAMATO-SAN?

ONEE-CHAN LEFT FOR NEW YORK TODAY.
HUH? W-... WHAT FOR?
A VACATION TRIP? SHE NEVER TOLD ME ANYTHING ABOUT IT...
SO YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW?
HUH? KNOW WHAT?
STUDYING ABROAD!
SHE'S GOING TO SOUTHERN NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WHERE KATSUHIKO ONII-CHAN IS!

STUDYING... ABROAD!?
AND SHE'LL BE THERE FOR EIGHT YEARS...
EIGHT YEARS
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AND SHE LEFT WITHOUT SAYING A SINGLE WORD..
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LET'S GO TO UNIVERSITY TOGETHER!
SHE'S STUDYING ABROAD...
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AND WILL BE GONE FOR EIGHT YEARS..
TOMOR-ROW, AFTER YOUR EXAM,
MEET ME AT THE MAIN EN-TRANCE..

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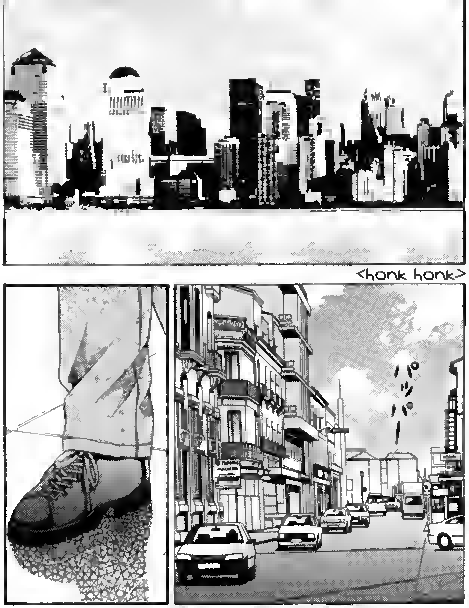
WHY!?
WHY MOGAMI!?

# Open Sesame

## Check 94: A Lifelong Promise

scratch scratch
ko?
HUH? WHY AREN'T YOU WITH YAMATO?
squat
AH, I SEE
ONII-CHAN WENT TO NEW YORK.
WHAT!? NEW YORK!?
koke kokko!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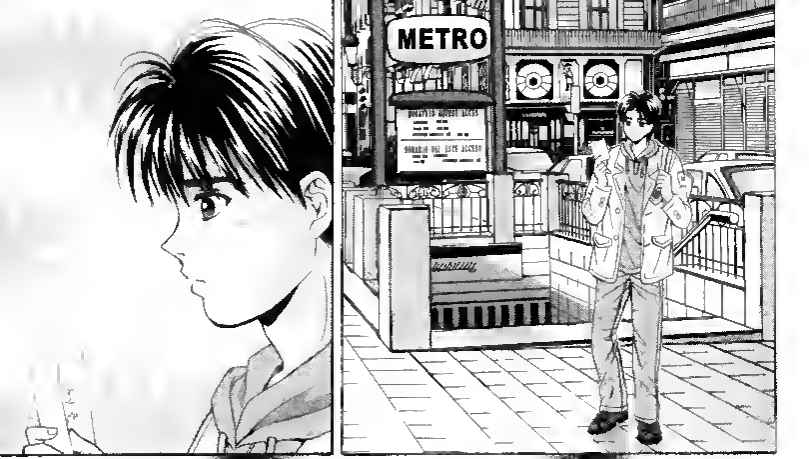
NEW YORK!
I'M FINALLY HERE!
Gulp
SOUTH




HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM ONEE-CHAN?

HUH? WHAT FOR?
VACA-TION TRIP?
ONEE-CHAN LEFT FOR NEW YORK TODAY...
TO STUDY ABROAD!
SHE'S GOING TO STUDY ABROAD IN SOUTHERN NEW YORK UNIVERSITY!

WHAT HAPPENED TO... FROM... DOMINIC
MEET ME AFTER YOUR EXAMS,
LET'S GO TO UNIVERSITY TOGETHER!
HOT
HOT
HOT
MUSEUDE CERA WAX MUSEUM
UMM.. NOW WHERE TO GO ...
I'M NOT ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH THESE PARTS...
EXCUSE, I'D LIKE TO GET TO THIS ADDRESS..

AS EXPECTED OF AMERICA.
WOW! SUPER-SIZED!
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Here, thanks for waiting
Huh? What was that?
..I MEAN- NOT THIS! I JUST NEED DIREC-TIONS!
You'd like
.. another one?
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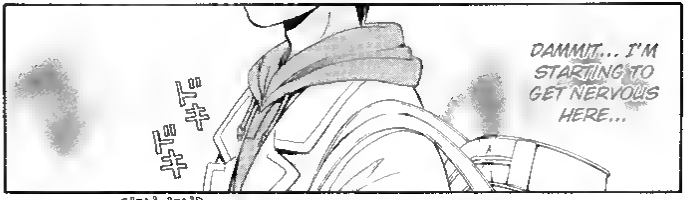
ぷにゅん
AS EXPECTED OF AMERICA.
W- WOW... SUPER-SIZED...
!!

?
Just go down this street and turn right at the second intersection.
HUH? RIGHT? SECOND?
HOT
HOT
Thank you!
clink
UM.. NO, ONE IS FINE..
PRETTY GOOD THOUGH!
nom nom
BUT MAN SHE WAS HOT.. AND SO IS THIS DOG
WELL, I KINDA FEEL SUCKERED INTO BUYING THIS...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... I CAME HERE ON AN IMPULSE...
CHEN
PRESENTS
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY TO MOGAMI WHEN I FIND HER?

HOW WILL I FACE HER?
BUT WHAT DO I DO AFTER THAT?
MOGAMI'S APARTMENT SHOULD BE RIGHT AROUND THIS CORNER...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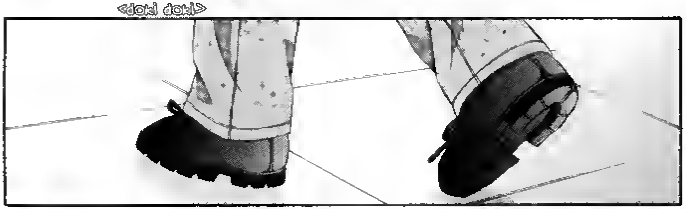
DAMMIT... I'M STARTING TO GET NERVOUS HERE...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DANJOU-KUN!?
MO-
MOGAMI !?

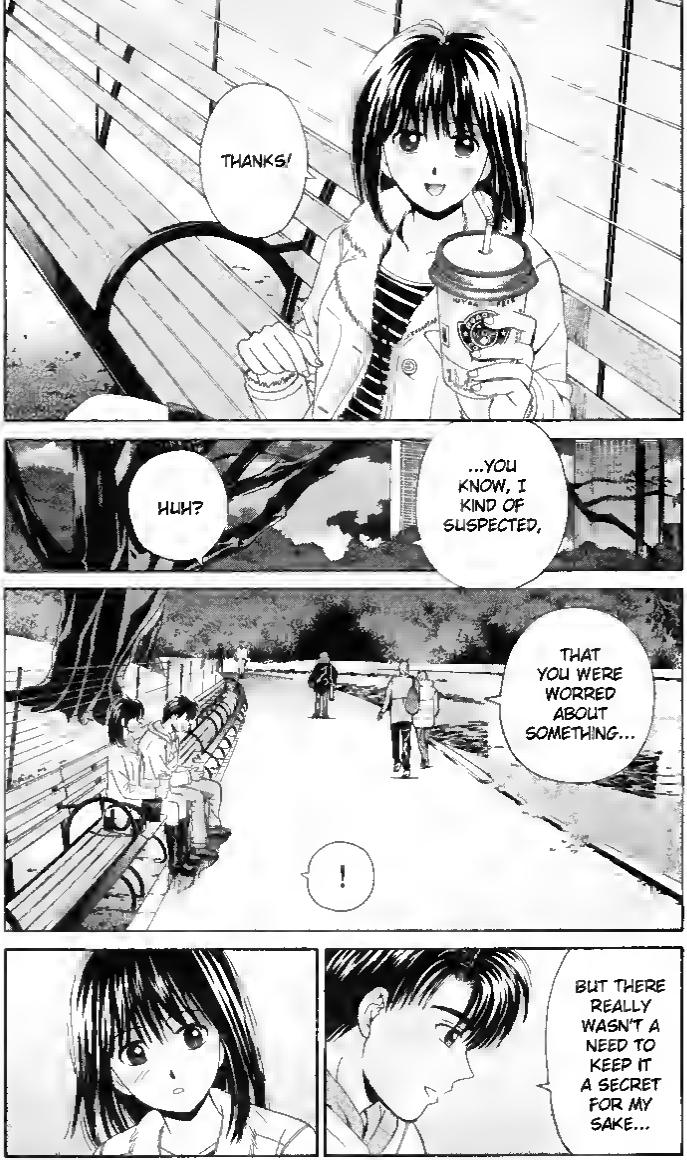
...HOW'D YOUR EXAM GO?
AH... UM.
WELL, I DID ALL I COULD.
ARE YOU CONFIDENT IN YOUR ANSWERS?
UM... WELL, I GUESS.
OH! THAT'S GREAT THEN!
GOOD JOB!

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU, COMING TO NEW YORK ALL OF A SUDDEN!
THAT'S MY QUESTION!
...BUT WHAT A SURPRISE! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THIS TRIP...
I WAS PLANNING ON CALLING YOU TODAY, BUT I PROBABLY DON'T NEED TO DO THAT NOW...
I HAD SOME URGENT BUSINESS I HAD TO GET SORTED OUT HERE, SO I'LL BE GOING BACK IN THREE DAYS.
DANJOU-KUN..
STUDYING ABROAD! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT IT!?

NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL!?
WHO ARE YOU KIDDING!?
SORRY ...
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THAT BIG OF A DEAL...
AND AFTER LECTURING ME ABOUT CHOOSING MY PATH, THIS IS THE WAY YOU CHOOSE YOUR OWN?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!
IT'S AN IMPORTANT DECISION THAT'LL AFFECT THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!
DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS!?
Y- YOU DON'T KNOW A THING!

I MADE UP MY MIND BEFORE SUMMER BREAK, RIGHT WHEN YOU WERE STUDYING FOR YOUR EXAM,
AND I KEPT IT A SECRET FROM YOU SO YOU WOULDN'T LOSE SIGHT OF YOUR GOAL...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!
STOP TREATING ME LIKE A KID!
WHAT ABOUT YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE A KID!
LOOK AT YOU RIGHT NOW! CHASING ME ACROSS THE GLOBE!
I BET YOU JUST CAME ON AN IMPULSE WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT IT AT ALL, RIGHT!?
UGH...
GULP
SHUT UP!
I WOULDN'T HAVE COME IF YOU HAD JUST SAID SOMETHING TO ME!

SPEAK FOR YOUR-SELF!
NO NEED TO GET SO ANGRY ABOUT IT!
heh
heh
Get along, kids!
No fighting now,
Ahaha
Pu
HERE.

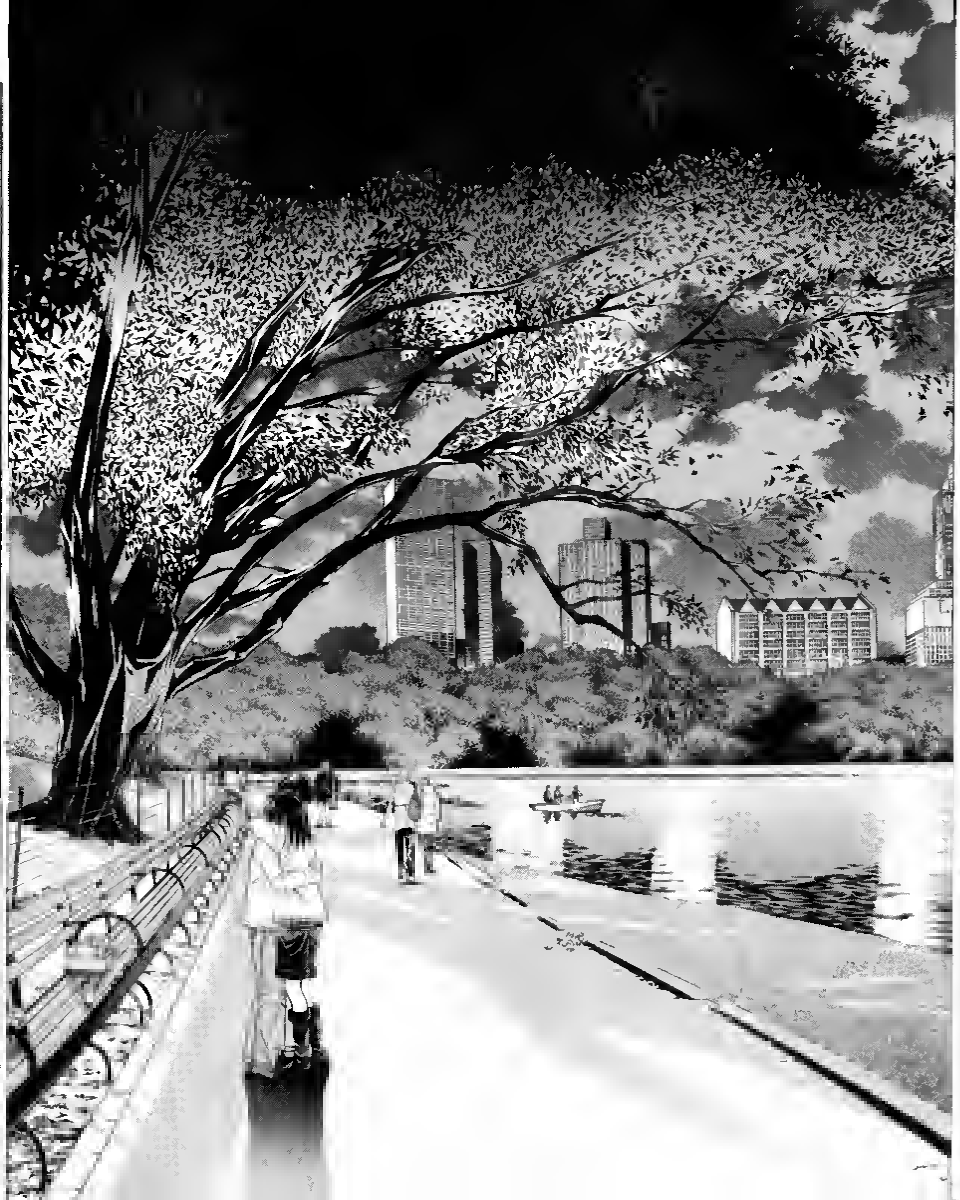

THANKS!
HUH?
...YOU KNOW, I KIND OF SUSPECTED,
THAT YOU WERE WORRED ABOUT SOMETHING...
!
BUT THERE REALLY WASN'T A NEED TO KEEP IT A SECRET FOR MY SAKE...

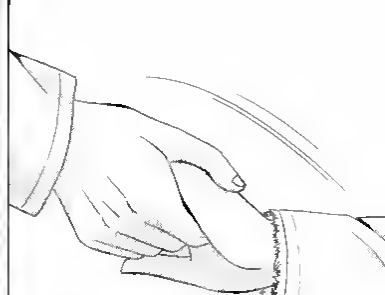
I'VE GOT TO GROW UP SOMEDAY...
FROM NOW ON, TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING!
THAT'S WHY...
WHAT YOU HAD FOR BREAKFAST, WHO YOU MET WITH, WHAT YOU WATCHED ON TV...
I'LL MAIL YOU EVERYDAY, AND PHONE TOO!

WE'LL BE TOGETHER FOR LIFE, RIGHT?
ANY-THING IS FINE!
LET'S TALK, A LOT!
SO STOP HOLDING THINGS BACK!
BECAUSE...
stand
UM... WHAT IS IT?
<blush>

"FOR LIFE"...
IS THAT...
A PROPOSAL !?
UM?
UM?
UM?
Pu
HUH...

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING NERVOUS FOR AT THIS POINT!
AH...
NO...
SAY IT ONCE MORE.
NO WAY!
HERE.
SHALL WE GET GOING?
OKAY
hey

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hok!
Kya!

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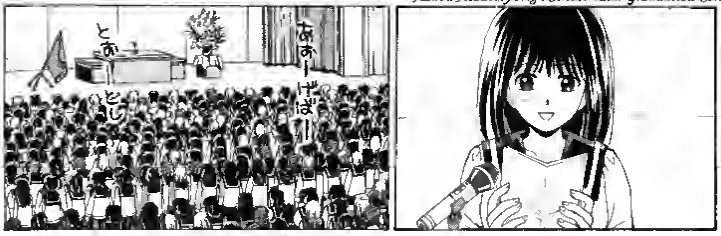
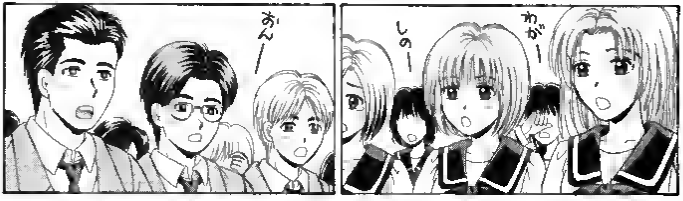
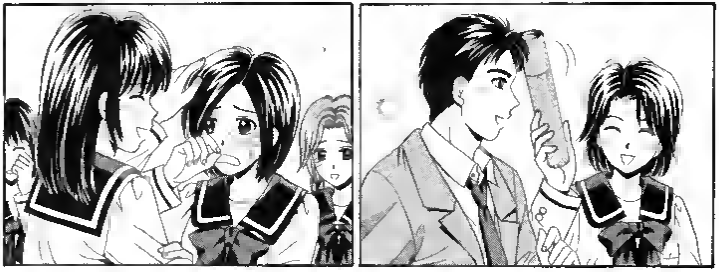


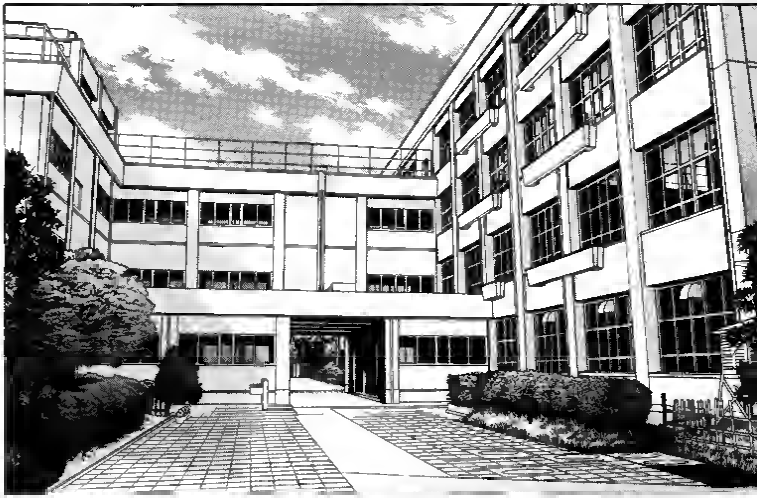
CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!
I BET KOUME WILL COME THINKING THERE'RE CLASSES.
AND WE'RE TO COME TO SCHOOL TOMORROW TOO, MYO!
MAN, GRADUATION... TALK ABOUT SURREAL...
3-B
YOU SAID IT!
YEAH, JUST BARELY.
I'M GOING TO NURSING SCHOOL AND AOBA GOT ACCEPTED INTO A JUNIOR COLLEGE!
GOOD LUCK MAN.
I'VE GOT TO RETAKE ENTRANCE EXAMS!
YOU GUYS SURE HAVE IT NICE!
NOT TOO OFTEN THOUGH, OR ELSE YOU'LL FAIL AGAIN.
I'LL BE STUDYING, BUT CALL ME WHEN YOU GUYS MEET!
OF COURSE!
WE'LL ALL STILL KEEP IN TOUCH, RIGHT?

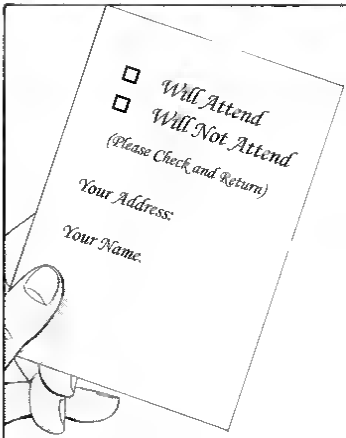
frantic
MYO...
UM... NO! THAT WAS JUST AN EXAMPLE!
WHAT? TAMA-CHAN'S GOING TO A GROUP DATE!?
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL BE SURE TO INVITE YOU TO GROUP DATES!
<Ahahahaha>
あはは
AS THE SEASONS ROLL BY,
OH! SOUNDS NICE!
ANYWAY, WANNA GO SOME-PLACE RIGHT NOW?
MOGAMI? WHAT IS IT?
LET'S GO THEN!

WE GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS...
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ALL SENTIMENTAL FOR?
BUT MYSELF, MOGAMI,
OH BE QUIET!
WE SPENT THREE WHOLE YEARS HERE...
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
HURRY UP GUYS!
AND FRIENDS THROUGH THICK AND THIN...
A LOT OF THINGS SURE HAPPENED...
...YEAH.
WE WERE ALL DEFINITELY HERE.

SHALL WE GO?
OKAY!
FROM NOW ON, WE WILL CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD...
ドン
好きだ！
あたしも
頭上くんが好き
開けゴマ
頭上
ぎゅっ
ぐいっ
ぎゅっ
ぎゅっ
ぎゅ

SO THIS IS FARE-WELL TO AZABU ACADEMY,
AND OPEN THE DOOR TO THE FUTURE...
YEAH.
LET EACH AND EVERY-ONE OF US GO DOWN THE PATHS OF OUR LIVES...
TOGETHER WITH ALL THE FRIENDS OF OUR PAST...
AND NEW FRIENDS WE'LL MEET IN THE FUTURE.
FAREWELL AZABU!
あは <Ahaha>
NO IT'S NOT...
~OPEN SESAME~
麻布学院高等学校




Will Attend
Will Not Attend
(Please Check and Return)
Your Address:
Your Name.

SENSEI!
DANJOU-SENSEI!
YO!
WHAT'S UP?
WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING AT NOW?
HUH? JUST AN INVITATION TO A MARRIAGE CEREMONY.
YOUR FRIEND'S?
YEAH, HIGH SCHOOL CLASS-MATE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND, RIGHT?
RIGHT?

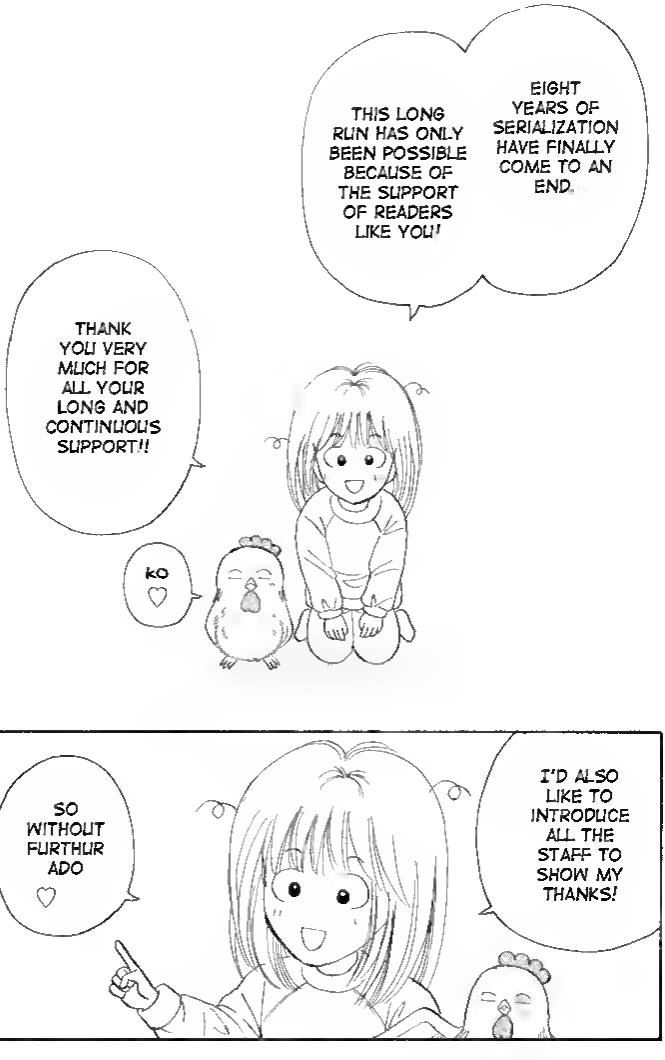
THAT'S EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN A 2D GIRLFRIEND!
LEMME GUESS? IN YOUR DREAM?
NO, I DO.
HEY NOW ..
HE'S A POOR PUBLIC SERVANT ON A MEAGER MONTHLY SALARY!
COME ON, GIVE HIM A BREAK!
IT'D BE AN HONOUR GOING OUT WITH YOUNG BEAUTIFUL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS, WOULDN'T IT?
HOW'D YOU LIKE ME AS A GIRL-FRIEND?
SO?
GEEZ... GIRLS TODAY...
Gulp
flash
lift

HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU-
koke kokko!
SUMIRE !?
koke ko!
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE...?
!!
WOW...
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT!?

HONESTLY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU, LOOKING AT YOUR STUDENTS LIKE THAT!

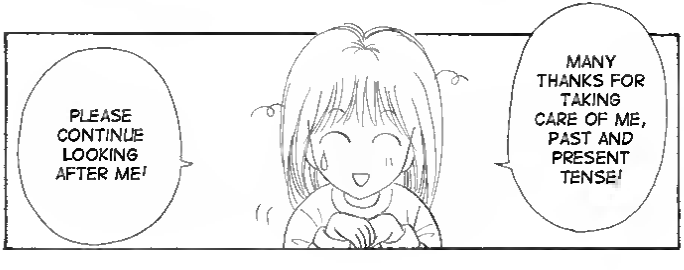
WELCOME BACK.
.....
GLAD TO BE BACK.
daze

Fin


EIGHT YEARS OF SERIALIZATION HAVE FINALLY COME TO AN END.
THIS LONG RUN HAS ONLY BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT OF READERS LIKE YOU!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR LONG AND CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!!
KO ♡
I'D ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE ALL THE STAFF TO SHOW MY THANKS!
SO WITHOUT FURTHUR ADO ♡

## SUCCESSIVE EDITORS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| M.KI-SAN | | MY CURRENT EDITOR, WORKED WITH ME ALL THE WAY TO THE FINAL CHAPTER. OFTEN HAVE TALKS UNRELATED TO WORK, SUCH AS RIVALING BASEBALL TEAMS... A REAL FRIEND, PROBABLY... |
| N.ZAKI-SAN | | REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER MANGAKA PARTWAY BUT TOOK GOOD CARE OF ME AT WHEN THE SERIES FIRST STARTED. HE TOO IS A BASEBALL FAN... |
| T.KAWA-SAN | | CAME TO WORK ON HIS BIKE, A REAL OUTDOORS TYPE OF PERSON. LONG HAIR, BUZZ CUT, CHANGED HIS HAIRSTYLE QUITE OFTEN. OF COURSE, ALSO A BASEBALL FAN... WITH RIVALING TEAMS.... (LOL) |
| S.MIZU-SAN | | REASSIGNED QUITE QUICKLY, BUT GAVE THE AURA OF BEING A LARGEHEARTED PERSON... |
| E.TANI-SAN | | LIKE A MAIN CHARACTER OUT OF A GAG MANGA, HAS LOTS OF JOKES IN REAL LIFE. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF HIS ODD REACTIONS...? A NICE AND HARD WORKING PERSON WHO'LL TAKE EVEN THE MOST TRIVIAL OF TASKS. |

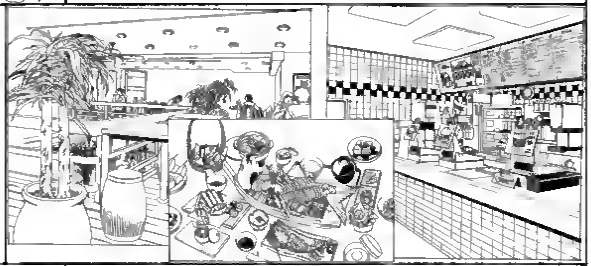


## ASSISTANT (EARLY TO MID SERIES)

### HITOTSUBANA

WITH ME FROM BEGINNING TO END. WITHOUT HER, THIS WORK WOULD'VE LITERALLY BEEN IMPOSSIBLE. HAD LOTS OF FUN TOGETHER. LOVES TO TALK OF FLOWERS. BAD AT SPORTS.

BACKGROUND WORKS



### KOTAKE

DRAWS FAST, MUSCULAR, GENTLE PERSONALITY, SCHEDULED TO DEBUT HIS OWN SERIES AT ANOTHER COMPANY, QUIT, BUT A GREAT PERSON! ALSO A BASEBALL FAN, HAD MANY LENGTHY CHATS.

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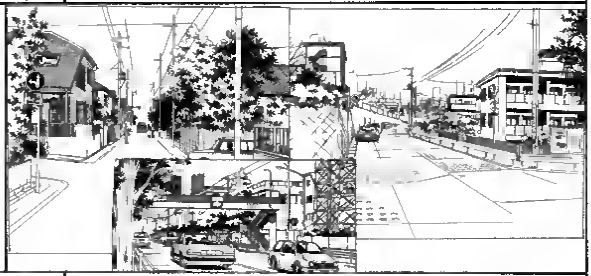

### M

WORKED WITH ME FOR MANY YEARS. REALLY KNOWS ABOUT MOVIES AND FOREIGN SHOWS, AND LOVES TO SHARE HIS KNOWLEDGE. AN ALL-ROUNDER. GOOD AT CARING FOR OTHERS, NOT VERY SPORTY.

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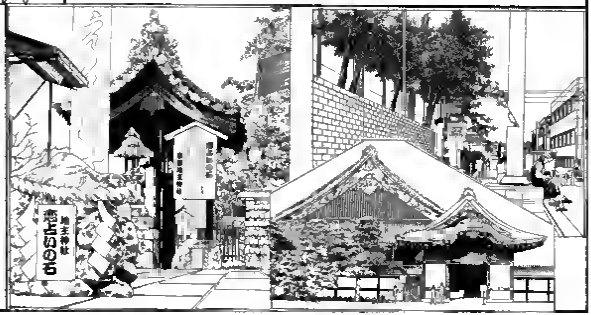

## ASSISTANT (LATE SERIES)

TAKADA YUUJI

SET TO DEBUT AT ANOTHER COMPANY. RIDICULOUSLY GOOD AT DRAWING AND VERY RELIABLE. SEEMS TO HAVE AN EXTREMELY BUSY LIFE, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. NOT GOOD AT SPORTS...

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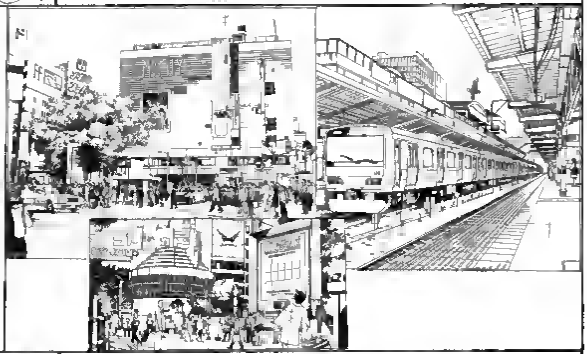

M

A NEW MANGAKA IN THE MAGAZINE. FAST AND GOOD AT DRAWING. THE MOST FEMININE OUT OF ALL OF US. NO GOOD AT SPORTS. ACTUALLY... THIS GROUP IS FULL OF PEOPLE WHO'RE BAD WITH SPORTS (IN BOTH MANGA AND REAL LIFE ..)

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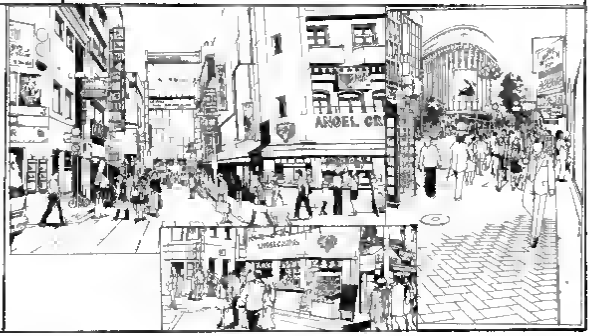
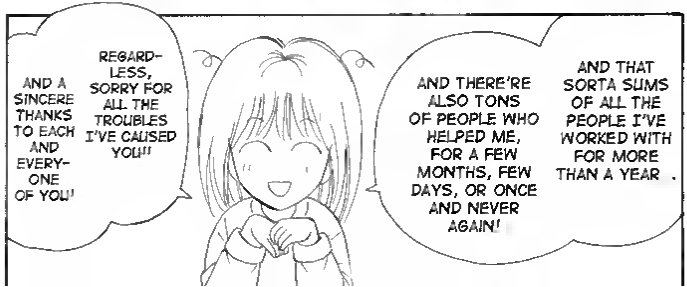
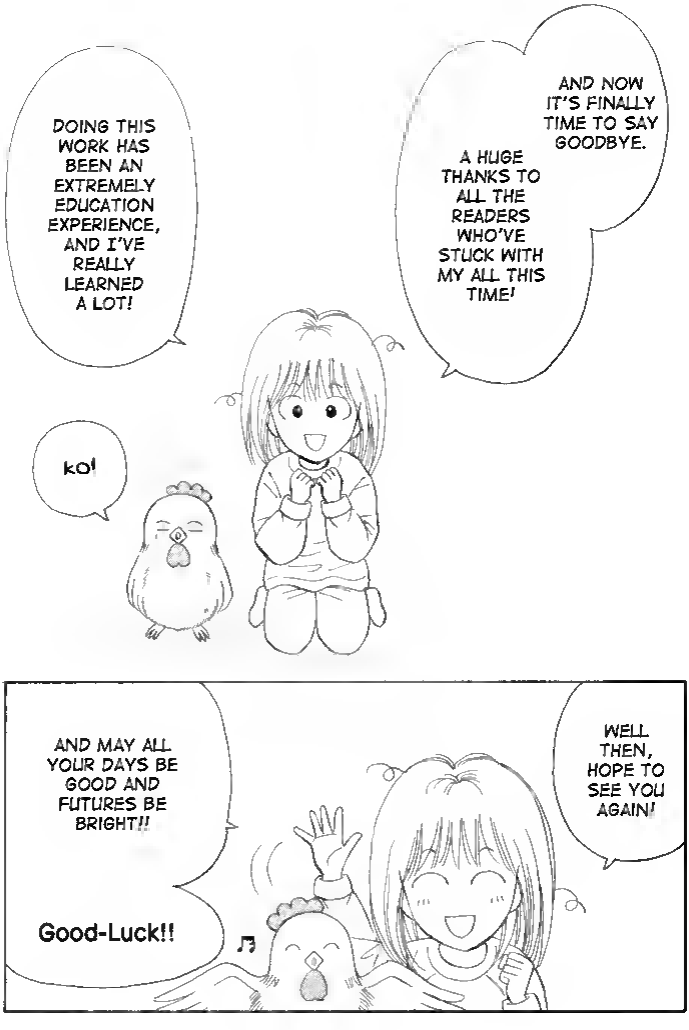




AND A SINCERE THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY-ONE OF YOU!
REGARD-LESS, SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLES I'VE CAUSED YOU!!
AND THERE'RE ALSO TONS OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED ME, FOR A FEW MONTHS, FEW DAYS, OR ONCE AND NEVER AGAIN!
AND THAT SORTA SUMS OF ALL THE PEOPLE I'VE WORKED WITH FOR MORE THAN A YEAR .


DOING THIS WORK HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY EDUCATION EXPERIENCE, AND I'VE REALLY LEARNED A LOT!
AND NOW IT'S FINALLY TIME TO SAY GOODBYE.
A HUGE THANKS TO ALL THE READERS WHO'VE STUCK WITH MY ALL THIS TIME!
KO!
AND MAY ALL YOUR DAYS BE GOOD AND FUTURES BE BRIGHT!!
Good-Luck!!
WELL THEN, HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

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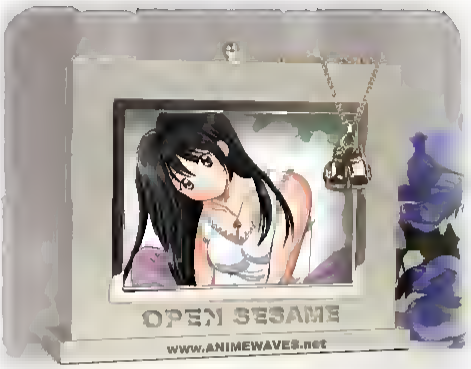


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